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GENERAL NOTICES.

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Notice to Creditors.

Creditors of F. B. Gardner, F. B. Gardner & Co., and The F. B. Gardner Company, who have not presented their claims against said concerns, are requested to do so without delay, to any member of the Committee.
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EMPLOYING PRINTERS
Are requested to meet THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock, in Counting-Room of Lakeside P. & P. Co., Clark and Adams-sts.

AUCTION SALES.

ELISON & FOSTER,
SOUTH LINCOLN-ST.,
Between Madison and Monroe-sts.

Household Furniture
AT AUCTION,
Monday Morning, Aug. 7, at 10 o'clock,
Suits of Parlor, Chamber, Dining-room and Kitchen Furniture, Carpets, Crockery, Mirrors, &c. &c. Also, a Horse, Harness, &c.
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Bankrupt Stock
AT AUCTION,
Monday Morning, Aug. 8, at 9 o'clock,
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WASHINGTON
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Attractive Auction Sale
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RESIDENCE LOTS,
In Washington Heights,
Monday Afternoon, Aug. 8, at 3 o'clock,
ON THE GROUND.
FIFTY-ONE LOTS, 25 feet front by 100 deep, situated on Charles and Maple-sts. Ogden & Reed's Addition to the village of Washington Heights, in the immediate vicinity of the Depot. The streets are 80 feet wide, graded and graveled, with sewerage. TWENTY-ONE large and elegant lots, 50 feet front by 200 feet deep, splendid building Property, all handsomely fenced, on corner and Howard-st., in Ogden & Dobbins' Addition.
This is by far the choicest and most elegant property that has been offered at Public Sale within a delightful and rapidly-improving suburb of the city. It is unnecessary to speak of the many advantages and attractions possessed by this wonderful suburb, as they are doubtless well known to the citizens of Chicago.
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TITLE TO PROPERTY PERFECT.
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BUSINESS PROPERTY,
On Cottage Grove & Egan-avs.,
AT AUCTION,
Monday Afternoon, Aug. 11, at 3 o'clock,
On the Premises.
Lots No. 1 and 2, of Lot 43, Ellis East Addition, No. 1, 50x170 feet, with house and barn; Lot No. 2 is unimproved. These lots are situated on Cottage Grove-av., 132 feet north of Egan-st., fronting east, and valuable for business or speculative purposes. TERMS OF SALE—$500 deposit at time of sale, $1,000 at time of deed, $2,000 Oct. 1, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, with 6 per cent interest. Title perfect. An abstract will be furnished for each lot. Sale absolute.
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THURSDAY, Aug. 7, at 10 o'clock.
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Contents of a Dwelling,
Consisting of Parlor Sets, Marble-top Chamber Sets, Mirrors, Chairs, Oil Paintings, Bronzes and Ornaments, Crockery, Glassware, Plated-ware, Cook Stoves, &c.
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BRUSH, SON & CO.,
61 South Canal-st.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6, AT 9:30 A. M.,
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
Groceries and General Merchandise at auction.
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OSGOOD & WILLIAMS,
Wabash Auction House, 63 South Canal-st.
Sale this morning, 9:30 a. m., at our salesroom, Furniture, consisting of Marble-top Chamber Suits, Hair and Spring Mattresses, Parlor Suits, Tapestry Carpets, Crockery, &c., also, a quantity of Saddles, Bridles, &c., &c. Terms cash. Open and Top Buggies, Harness, Carpets, &c. Open and Top Buggies, Harness, Robes, Hat Racks and Wall Pockets, in lots to suit buyers, and 20 fine Office Desks, Counters and Show Cases, &c.
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WEST MONROE-ST.
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POLITICAL.

Action of the Ohio Democratic State Convention at Columbus.

The Hon. William Allen Nominated for Governor, and Barnabas Burns for Lieutenant-Governor.

Nullification and Secession Disowned, and the Maintenance of Constitutional Rights Demanded.

The Virginia State Conservative Convention---The Nominations.

Ohio Democratic State Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 26.—A report of the Democratic State Convention, held here to-day, is necessarily a repetition of the unfortunate history of the party in its conventions of many years past. It was a convention of the old sort, with the peculiar feature of enough young life present to make up something new, had it not been whipped into old Bourbonism at the start. Nothing to forget, and nothing to learn, was the rule here to-day. There is a large, full Convention in the start. The delegates filed in as though they were treading in the old path, every object along which was familiar, old, and interesting. As my dispatch last night indicated, it was a convention determined to ignore the People's Party and make a straight Bourbon ticket on a Bourbon platform. It was a large convention made up of over 500 delegates. It was

CALLED TO ORDER

in the Opera House at 11 o'clock, by John G. Thompson, Chairman of the State Central Committee, who, in a few words, introduced the name of Samuel F. Hunt, of Cincinnati, a prominent young politician, for

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Haight was elected without opposition. He made a short speech in acknowledgment of the honor. His remarks were devoted mostly to the glory of the record in the old past of the Democratic party, and the necessity that he could urge for adhering to it. His remarks were received with applause.

RECESS.

The Committees on Platform, Organization, etc., having been appointed, the Convention took a recess to 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Convention reassembled shortly after 2 o'clock. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

President—W. H. Ball, of Muskingum.

Vice-Presidents—First District, Thomas G. Quinn; Second District, L. W. Goss; Third District, J. C. Ashburn; Fourth District, John McMahon; Fifth District, J. J. Moore; Sixth District, Charles Rosa; Seventh District, John Caldwell; Eighth District, J. F. Chapman; Ninth District, William P. Reed; Tenth District, William P. Noble; Eleventh District, W. T. Washam; Twelfth District, John M. Pugh; Thirteenth District, John Nicholas; Fourteenth District, Isaac E. Chase; Fifteenth District, J. P. Torpey; Sixteenth District, John Laurens; Seventeenth District, W. A. Lynch; Eighteenth District, John Hildebrand; Nineteenth District, Dr. Ezra Ross; Twentieth District, Lewis Stabble.

SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President, on taking his seat, said:

MY FELLOW-CITIZENS: I very greatly appreciate the wholly unexpected honor that you have conferred upon me. I shall endeavor to discharge the duties devolving upon me to the utmost of my ability; but I most sincerely regret that your selection has not fallen upon one more familiar with the duty of presiding over a deliberative body. We have assembled as the party of the people for the purpose of again organizing to endeavor to redeem this Government. [Applause.] Not a party which I verily believe to be the bane of liberty and the blight of our country's prosperity. [Applause.] I know from the earnestness of your manifestations that you appreciate the duty which devolves upon you to redeem the State of Ohio, and to aid in the redemption of this great Government of ours. [Applause.] I do not propose to detain you by any lengthened remarks at all, but propose that we proceed with the discharge of our duties. [Cheers.]

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Charles A. Scribner, of Lucas County, was nominated by acclamation for Judge of the Supreme Court, short term.

For Attorney-General—Charles W. Daley, of Montgomery County; David M. Wilson, of Mahoning; William H. Lynch, of Stark; E. S. Wallace, of Clark; W. V. M. Layton, and M. A. Doherty, of Franklin. The first vote stood: Doherty, 303; Lynch, 106; Dewey, 41; Layton, 80. Doherty was then nominated unanimously.

For Treasurer, the following nominations were made: L. B. Leeds, of Brown; Charles Boesel, of Anglaize; Jonathan Hurshman, of Montgomery; Charles N. Allen, of Jefferson; W. Q. Adams, of Scioto; George Weimer, of Summit. The name of Mr. Hurshman raised a storm. He is the nominee for that place of the Convention of the 30th, and when Mr. Clay, of Montgomery, named him, there arose hisses and calls, and cries of "Oh! sit down!" "Put him out!" and cries of "Put him out!" Hear me through. I represent his county and himself, and I know him to be a gentleman of ability to execute and discharge the duties of that office. He is responsible, and in every way respectable. Up to this time he has not accepted the nomination of that handful of a convention. [Put him out!] Not one word has been heard from him since. [Cries of "No! No!"] I appeal to the President of this Convention that he will support the nominees of this Convention, and if other people take the liberty, without his consent, of nominating him as a candidate for Treasurer, it does not make him less a Democrat. [A voice—"But he has had time to say he would not accept."]

After some further remarks on Mr. Hurshman as the nominee of the body of the Convention, Mr. Clay concluded to withdraw Mr. Hurshman's name, saying as he did so: "I desire to say, before I do so, that I wish it understood that Hurshman, as well as myself, will vote for William Allen for Governor. I beg leave to withdraw."

The first ballot stood: Allen, 155; Leeds, 125; Bosel, 103; Weimer, 185.

The second ballot stood: Allen, 8; Leeds, 57; Bosel, 135; Weimer, 399.

Mr. Weimer's nomination was declared unanimous.

By this time, 5:30 p. m., the Convention had thinned down to a skeleton, and all were weary. Some counties had left in a body, and in others only the Chairmen were left to cast the vote. A motion to adjourn to 7:30 p. m. was voted down, and the Convention proceeded.

For Comptroller of the Treasury, J. C. Newcomer, of Marion, was nominated by acclamation.

For Board of Public Works, John Lawrence, of Guernesey County; Chris. Shunk, of Mercer; Henry P. Taylor, of Hancock; H. Ohlfeld, of Hardin County; L. Littler, of Crawford, were named. The result was 362 for Shunk; 49 for Taylor; 26 for Littler, 46 for Lawrence; and a few others scattering. The nomination of Mr. Shunk closed the business of the Convention.

SPEECH OF HON. A. G. THURMAN.

The Hon. Allen G. Thurman being in the Hall, to the surprise of many, who supposed him in a bed of sickness, the President called upon him for a word or two. Mr. Thurman came forward slowly, and was received with cheers. In response he said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: If I was in the best possible condition to speak I would not inflict a speech on you at this late hour of the day; but I am not in condition to make a speech. The severe sore throat under which I am suffering, forbids that; but I have voice enough to thank you, with my whole heart, for your kindness, and I have voice enough to promise you that you shall hear me to your hearts' content between now and election day. It has happened that the men the most meritorious, and who have deserved well of their countrymen, owing to the effect of the prejudices of the hour, have not received commendation. I can say with gratitude that I have been far more than rewarded by the good feeling and commendation of the Democratic party. It will be the most grateful recollection of my life that the Democratic party has said to me, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [Cheers.] Gentlemen, I need not say that I am proud of this day; that I am proud of this Convention. But I will say to you that, while others may have been surprised at the outpouring of the Democracy to-day, I have not been surprised, for precisely what I expected has occurred to-day. But I am proud of it for many reasons, and first and above all that it is conclusively and irretrievably proven that we are a party of principles. It is conclusively and irrefragably proven that we will not, whatever blandishments may be thrown around us, surrender on principle. Measures may die, but principles are eternal. We may have advocated measures, and they may have been defeated. We may have opposed measures, and they may have been adopted. We may have been defeated on issues and measures, but on principles we have never been defeated, and never will be. The most remarkable fact now exhibited is that no party has ever achieved success for any length of time, save by sticking Democratic principles, and no party can succeed in this country that is not based on Democratic principles, for they are the principles of free institutions, of free government, on which this Republic is founded, and they must be preserved if this Republic shall endure. So long as the stars and stripes shall wave, no matter what name of party may be used, Democratic principles must be the governing power of the land. It is right to call them Democratic principles, and it is right to call us Democrats.

But I find I am doing what I said I could not do. [Cries of "Go on, go on."] Yesterday I was in the doctor's hands, and he said I could not get out under forty-eight hours. I had the opinocitis. It is consoling to me that it affects horses and not Jacksonses; but when the Democrats began to gather around me, and talked Democracy and friendship to me, I declare they did more good than the physicians. We have done a noble work to-day. You have adopted a platform that will defy criticism, and you have made it such as never before was presented to the people of this State, and I say to you that I firmly believe that this ticket you have this day made will be elected. [Cheers.]

Mr. Thurman having concluded, the band struck up, and the remnants of the convention hurried out to supper.

MR. ALLEN ACCEPTS.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Allen in answer to one notifying him of the nomination:

I accept the nomination, and desire the Convention to accept my gratitude for it. I accept it because the Convention, by bestowing it, expresses the belief that I may be of some service in promoting the success of the great Democracy, upon whose success and upon that alone rests the prosperity, liberty, and happiness of the American people. (Signed) WILLIAM ALLEN.

THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Democratic State Central Committee organized by electing A. A. Walling, of Pickaway, Chairman. The Executive Committee organized by electing John G. Thompson, Chairman, and E. B. Eshlman, Secretary.

A ratification meeting was held to-night addressed by a number of speakers.

Virginia Conservative State Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The *Tribune's* special from Richmond says the Conservative Convention, as a body, is one of the largest and most thoroughly representative of white and State's rights elements ever gathered in Virginia, and is full of hope and enthusiasm for the campaign. Mayor Keeley, of Richmond, says it is the most intelligent convention he ever saw in Virginia. The Convention appears to lack only management and brains to guide it to make it in all respects successful and auspicious. Among the delegates are Generals Jubal A. Early, Fitzhugh Lee, Fayette McMullen, and A. R. Holliday. The last two represented the State in Congress before the rebellion. Representatives Hanes, Duke, and Braxton, of the last Congress, are also present. Kemper, the candidate of Gen. Mahone and the railroad interest for Governor, is not in town, while Withers, his most formidable opponent, is in the city, within call of his friends. The speaking this morning served to disclose clearly and thoroughly the issues on which the Conservatives intend to fight this campaign. They are unqualified and extreme in their demands for a white man's Government, and propose to make that the corner-stone of their political creed. Hardly any allusion was made to the increase of the salary back-pay business, centralization of Federal power, internal improvements, or any other questions, present or of the immediate future. It was always and only the "everlasting nigger," and determination to keep him in his proper place. Nothing was said, either, about the movement of the Democratic party in support of Mr. Greeley last year. The demonstrations of the Conservatives all showed plainly enough that the Conservative heart of Virginia is essentially in the old place, and that the appeal for a white man's Government for white men is still the strongest. The audience to-day, like the Convention itself, has been entirely white, not one solitary colored face being visible in the entire theatre. The contest between Kemper and Withers for the nomination for Governor has been warm and unceasing, all the opponents of Mahone and the Railroad ring, as they term it, have been diligently turning every stone for Withers. Both gentlemen were Confederate field officers; both are of irreproachable personal integrity, and popular among Virginians. Though Mahone pushes Kemper, it is said that his real object is to name the Lieutenant Governor, who as President of the Senate, has much more useful and influential patronage at his disposal. Withers is urged by many who recall his voluntary and magnanimous withdrawal from the head of the ticket in 1866 to make way for the Walker movement, and now they claim he deserves another nomination. Gen. Kemper pulled through, however, succeeded in controlling the organization, and on the test vote carried by 40 majority in a vote of 250, a proposition that the Permanent Organization Committee should be appointed by the Temporary Chairman, Harman, an avowed Kemper man, instead of being elected by delegates by Congressional Districts.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 6.—The Conservative State Convention met here to-day, about 400 delegates being present. The Convention was called to order by R. F. Daniels, Chairman of the State Committee, on whose motion G. M. Harmon was chosen Temporary Chairman.

A committee consisting of two from each Congressional District was then appointed on credentials.

During the absence of the committee, Robert Ould was called upon and addressed the Convention in review of Hughes' speech at Lynchburg.

After a heated debate as to the manner of formation of the Committee on Permanent Organization, the Chair appointed three from each District delegation, with Robert Ould as Chairman. The Committee thus formed then retired.

A very decided spirit of antagonism was displayed in the debate by the friends of Gen. J. L. Kemper and Gen. Robert E. Withers, two prominent candidates for nomination for Governor.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported for President Thomas S. Bocock, with a large number of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Bocock, on taking the chair, addressed the convention in denunciation of the Republican party and Republican rule.

After considerable discussion, the names of Gen. James L. Kemper and Robert E. Withers were placed in nomination for Governor.

Labor-Reform Convention.

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 6.—The "Labor-Reform" State Convention, held here to-day, was slimly attended. Judge Robert Cowley, of Lowell, was chosen Chairman. In the course of his address he said: "After defining the policy to be pursued touching the hours of labor, it will become our pleasure and our duty to extend our fraternal congratulations to the farmers

THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES.

Splendid Scenery—Bear-Shooting—Indian Foray—A Three-Ounce Nugget.

The Suicide of Capt. Lewis—A Texas Leatherstocking—Great-Tailed Foxes—The National Park.

The Murder of Mrs. Richards and Miss Hall by the Indians—Troops Sent in Pursuit of the Savages.

From Our Own Correspondent.

POPO-AGIE RIVER, Wyo. Ter., July 26, 1873.

The first view of Wind River Valley is one of the

MOST STRIKING LANDSCAPES

I ever beheld, and, were it painted as it is, would be pronounced a gross exaggeration and totally unreal. In front are the ordinary grassy-green hills, with clumps of pine-trees on the higher summits. Farther off is the crimson base of Red Canon, with lighter red near the tops of the walls; then reddish rocks intermingled with yellow,—the colors showing beautifully in the sunlight; great stretches of russet-brown, shaded by dark-green valleys; long lines of magnificent purple coloring; and, way beyond, the deep-blue mountains of the Big Horn Range, 100 miles distant. It makes a person almost catch his breath when looking at this splendid scene, which is one of the grandest ever gazed upon by man. Involuntarily every one stops to look upon its unsurpassed splendors and magnificent proportions, beside which ordinary mountain views are tame and uninteresting. I thought I had seen—and have in fact seen—some of the finest landscapes in North America; but this eclipses everything. It is the highest land on the Continent, and all of the great rivers rise hereabout.

As we were climbing the hill whence we viewed this landscape, one of our number sang out: "Look there on the side-hill; do you see that bear?"

We looked in the direction indicated, and there, very complacently moving along, was an

ENORMOUS BLACK BEAR,

who was going down towards the creek. Our rifles were out in a second, and we commenced firing at him in right good-will. The first shot struck him in the shoulder, and two others finished him, so that, by the time we got to him, he was just breathing his last. He was very large, and it was all that four of us could do to drag him down to the creek near the wagon. He was very poor, and his skin did not appear to be of much value. After a great deal of trouble, however, we got him into the wagon, and carried him to our camp on Trout Creek, where an experienced hunter skinned him in the most artistic manner, though it was plain to be seen that he did not much like the idea of having a bear killed "out of season." We felt considerably elated over it, as it was the first one we had ever helped to kill. In fact, it was the first one I ever fired at. Once before, several years ago, in company with another person, I waded a river for the purpose of getting a shot at a bear which we had seen among the rocks on the other side of the stream; but, when we got across, Mr. Brum was nowhere to be found. We anathematized our luck roundly, but, on endeavoring to fire our rifles, discovered we could not do so. Under the circumstances, we were more than satisfied to think the bear had kept out of our way or we out of his.

Some bear-steaks were cooked, which we relished very much, notwithstanding all the old hunter said about their being poor and tough. We had bear-meat, elk-meat, and antelope-meat for dinner, and ate so much I am ashamed to tell about it. After dinner we got our fishing-lines, and caught a nice mess of brook-trout in a short time. It would have been fine sport, but the mosquitoes were dreadful, and, in fact, ruined the whole pleasure of the fishing-party. I never saw so many mosquitoes together at one time in my life. The creek seemed

FULL OF SNAKES;

as many as beset the Ancient Mariner:

> I watched their rich attire:
> Blue, glossy-green, and velvet-black,
> They coiled and swam; and every track
> Was a flash of golden fire.

They seemed to enjoy the warm weather, and were especially busy in moving about from place to place amid the high grass and tangled mountain-fern.

THE SIOUX AND SNAKE INDIANS.

It is through this country that the Sioux Indians come when they wish to make war upon their old enemies, the Snakes. But the Sioux are not always the aggressors. Four years ago last spring, a party of thirty or more young Snake warriors started out on a raid into the country of the Sioux. The old men tried to dissuade them, but all to no purpose, and off they started on their boasting on the number of horses they would have on their return. They made their way cautiously, though expeditiously, to the villages of the Sioux, and were about to steal some horses, when a violent snow-storm came on, and it was all they could do to walk. Their provisions gave out, and, to add to their woes, they were discovered by their enemies, who followed them on horseback and attacked them. Their powder gave out, and they could not shoot their guns. The Sioux surrounded them, and killed them at their leisure. A few escaped,—I do not know exactly how many,—and the panic-stricken remnant of the war party reached the villages of their friends completely broken down and nearly dead with fatigue. This result emboldened the Sioux very much, and they made several forays against the Snakes, in which they were successful. To this day, the Snake Indians have not recovered from this untoward disaster, and wail over the loss of their friends whose bones are bleaching in the ravines.

In returning by Spring Gulch, several of the miners appeared to be highly elated; and, on inquiring the cause, I was shown a nugget a man had just taken out of a pan, which weighed

THREE OUNCES.

It was a beauty, and I did not blame the miners for feeling proud of his luck. It was the largest nugget that had been taken out this year, and proves that the placers are far from being worked out. After seeing this, nothing would do but our party must wait and see them clean up for the evening. The long slats lying in the bottom of the sluice-boxes were carefully taken up, and all the sand swept with a small broom to the riffle, at the end of the box, where there was considerable water. The stones and water were thrown out, and the sand and quicksilver put in a pan, after cleaning everything thoroughly. The miner took his pan to a pool of water, and washed for some time, and until there was nothing left except a mass of quicksilver. This he put in a cloth and squeezed, letting the globules of quicksilver through the cloth, and all fall into another pan. He then opened his cloth, and inside of it found something over two ounces of gold. This, together with the nugget he had found, made five ounces which two men had taken out during the day, worth, at $18.50 an ounce, $92.50,—a pretty good day's work!

As we came across a cinch in the road, we met

A LOVE-LORN MUSE-RATER

singing at the top of his voice—apparently for his own amusement—the words of an old ballad, with such peculiar emphasis that we could scarcely refrain from laughing:

> Se she meeker, kinder than
> Turtle-doves or pelicans,
> If she's not kind to me,
> What care I how kind she be?

He paid no attention to us, but went on his way, communing with himself, and caring for naught in the world beside. He went up by the miners' cabin, made of logs with dirt roofs, and passed the herds of cows which were coming in in the evening-twilight.

It is strange that the only thing hereabout that has struck me as really home-like is

THE COWS

that have come up to be milked, and are standing near the pen quietly chewing their cuds. It is so unlike everything else in this mountain-region,—so calm and pleasant,—that one cannot help thinking of the well-to-do farmers back in the older settled States, who are surrounded with so many blessings. Even a cattle-pen with a fence around it looks like civilization, as a man may travel a thousand miles and not see a fence of any kind. Who can say, after this, that our country is nearly settled up?

In the mountains there is a beautiful light-pink flower, called

THE LEWISIA,

after Capt. Lewis, the first explorer across the continent. It is very small, has no green leaves, and looks like a gem lying among the rocks. This flower has sixteen points, and is always noticeable on account of its beautiful, delicate pink.

THE FATE OF CAPT. MERIWETHER LEWIS

has always appeared to me to have been very sad. He was appointed an officer in the army in 1795, and became a Captain in 1800. From 1801 to 1803 he was Private Secretary of President Jefferson; and, in the latter year, was designated to lead an exploring expedition to the Pacific Ocean, in company with Capt. William Clark, and a picked party of men, he successfully carried out his orders during the years 1804-'5, and '6. His unshaken firmness and undaunted courage, his prudence and enterprise, besides his knowledge of botany, qualified him for this service. Soon after his return, he was made Governor of Upper Louisiana. He had some difficulty as to his accounts in Washington, which distressed him, and he set out on a journey to that city. Landing at Chickasaw Bluffs, he thence proceeded by land. The cabin at which he died was 72 miles from Nashville, on the borders of the Indian country. It appears that he came to the house with two servants, and took his lodgings in it for the night, while his men retired to the barn. The woman who kept the house heard him walking about in great agitation for several hours. When this sound ceased, she heard the report of a pistol, followed by the noise of his fall upon the floor. Another report of a pistol succeeded, and she then heard him crying for water. The woman was so much terrified that she was unable to render him any assistance. He crept to the well, but was unable to get any water, and it was not until daylight that she gained courage enough to call the servants to his relief. He suffered great agony, and died as the sun was rising above the trees. His death took place on the 11th of October, 1809, when he was only 35 years of age. Alexander Wilson, the ornithologist, shed tears over his solitary grave in the wilderness, and paid the proprietor of the soil a sum of money, and received from him a written promise to inclose the grave. He then left the place with a heavy heart, and entered the gloomy woods which he was to traverse alone.

This was a sad end of so honorable a career, and one cannot reflect upon it without sorrow. However, he won for himself a high and enduring fame, and his explorations were of the greatest importance to the nation. Before his time, nothing was known of the Rocky-Mountain region, or of the vast rivers and streams which have their rise in the interior of the Continent.

Here, in this elevated region, it seems as if the days

WOULD NEVER END.

From morning until night, it appears almost a week. There is so little to break the monotony, that life at times becomes terribly tedious. Under these circumstances, a man must do something to pass away the time. I cannot understand how some solitary individuals can support existence; but these people are hunters or trappers, and these pursuits will not admit of much noise, if carried on successfully.

AN OLD HUNTER

from Missouri has lived hereabout for many years, and has supported himself well by hunting. During the winter, he takes many wild animals, and, by curing and selling the skins, manages to make considerable money. He finds himself in what food he requires; but he must have his regular coffee and sugar, without which life would not be worth having. At one time he had been adopted in an Indian tribe, and ranked as a warrior for several years; but was guilty of something which did not meet with the approbation of the savages, and thought himself lucky when he got away with a whole scalp on his head. He had no children, thought them a nuisance at best, and was glad his Indian wife had died childless. Perhaps he will die as many a hunter has died before him, and his remains be left to crumble away and mix with the soil on the hillside. He is a great deal of a philosopher, and has seen so many ups and downs that the future has no terrors for him.

He reminds me a great deal of

MR. WESTFALL,

of Texas, who was a guide for our soldiers years ago. He was called Leatherstocking, from his supposed resemblance to Cooper's hero of that name. I knew Westfall well. At one time he was attacked, in his little cabin on the Leona River, by a roving band of Comanches, and shot through the breast. He fell back in his cabin, when his companion, Mr. Bertrand, got up to look out, and he too received a rifle-shot, from the effects of which he never recovered. The dog was also killed. For three days Westfall lay in the cabin, the Indians in the meantime having gone off without knowing the extent of damage done by them. When Westfall was able to rise, he left the house, and was three days in going to Fort Inge, 30 miles distant. Eventually he recovered, and I was with him on one occasion when we entered a patch of woods not far from his house, where a party of Comanches had been surprised and attacked, and several of them killed. I never shall forget the expression on Westfall's countenance when he looked at the remains of the savages,—such a mingling of desperation and bitterness. He said nothing, however, but I could see that his feeling of vengeance was satisfied.

Throughout this country there are many

GREAT-TAILED FOXES.

In general, this species resembles the red fox, in its different varieties. From these it may be distinguished by the length of the tail, which exceeds that of the latter species by more than six inches. His back is of a mixed grizzled-gray color, as in the gray fox or badger,—the hairs being dark-brown at the base, then yellowish-white, tipped with black. These hairs are interspersed in a very abundant, soft fur, of uniform color, varying in tint with the region of the body. The nose and sides of the face are black, and the tip of the tail white. In this species we find all the varieties of the common red fox, as the chestnut, black, silver-gray, and cross. Its range extends westward as far as the Pacific Ocean, and reaches a long distance north. It is seldom found east of the Platte, though some specimens have been found far up on the Missouri River, which have been killed by the trappers. Indeed, this species is far superior to the ordinary fox of the Eastern States,—the fur being much longer, finer, and more valuable. To one who has never seen a gray-fox skin, this could readily be passed as one, and it is frequently done upon newcomers and inexperienced persons.

There is a prospect that

A GOOD ROAD

can be made from South Pass to the National Park around Yellowstone Lake. Old guides and mountaineers believe it to be a feasible undertaking, as some of them have made the trip. In a year or two, there may be a line of settlements along the eastern slope of the Wind River Mountains, and a daily line of stages from the Union Pacific Railroad to the banks of the great lake, which is surrounded with so many curiosities. An outlet through this way will be a great convenience to the people of Southeastern Montana, and will do more toward developing this country than anything else. The wonders of this region have been described in several magazine-articles of great interest. The geysers are the most remarkable of any in the country, and the scenery unequaled in any portion of the Union, so far as sublimity is concerned. It is intimated that an enterprising individual is about to build a hotel in this far-off land, and then sight-seers and tourists will have a place to visit. Fishing and hunting are good in all directions, and the cool and delightful summer weather will make it a favorite summer-resort. The natural scenery in Northwestern Wyoming is unsurpassed in any country on the globe.

A few nights ago, I was sleeping on the banks of the Po-po-agie, near the house of Mrs. Richards, who lived there with her cousin, Miss Hall. Day before yesterday, the Indians made their appearance, and murdered both of them by shooting them through the window. This is a very sad affair indeed, and I cannot think of it without great sorrow. Mrs. Richards was a most estimable lady, born and reared in Vermont, though she has been living in this section for the last five years. No more shocking murder has been committed by the savages for years past, and, after the woman was dead, her body was abused in the most shocking manner.

Col. Brackett sent out all the available mounted troops of his command to overtake the savages if possible, and all will be glad to hear that they have given them a good, lively fight. Lieut. Wheeler and his men are a gallant set of soldiers as live, and will make it very lively for the savages if they can meet them.

ALGERNA.

PARTICLES IN WATER.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In a recent issue of your paper, a correspondent wished to know what the particles are that we see in a glass of our lake-water held between our eye and the sun. Although not a member of the Microscopical Society, I will answer the question by saying that the particles are nothing more or less than air, forced into the water by the action of the waves in the lake, and in pumping the water into the pipes. If the water is allowed to stand in a glass, the air will collect in small globules on its sides, and, by gently stirring the water, they will escape entirely.

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NOTES ON CALIFORNIA.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

How They Beat the Government Carrying Letters.

Product of the Precious Metals Last Year, Etc.

BY THE HON. J. D. CATON.

At 4 p. m., one April day, we took the steamer at San Francisco for Vallejo and the Napa Valley. All is not lovely in California. Sometimes—and so it was this afternoon—the wind comes roaring up through the Golden Gate so cold that it suggested tidings from the Polaris, now supposed to be near the North Pole. So we could only look out through the windows of the cabin at the opening of the Gate, and at the many islands which dot the bay. The waters of this bay remind me to mention the fact which those who have never seen them might not suspect, and that is that they are not the clear and sparkling waters they once were before they were defiled by the gold-seeking proclivities of civilization, but have a turbid, yellowish hue, colored by the red earth washed from the gold-digging away up in the Sierras. Thus it is that this great bay is slowly filling up, and the bar outside is receiving its constant deposit from every drop of water that passes over it, and even the waters of the ocean itself are sensibly colored for a considerable distance beyond the capes. As we proceed up the bay the color sensibly deepens, so that when we have arrived at San Pablo Bay it looks fairly muddy. These waters resemble more the waters of the Missouri River when swollen with floods than any others I have ever seen.

Why the upper end of this bay should be designated a separate bay by another name I cannot conceive, unless they thought this was too big for one bay, and should have been made into two. So it is, here are two bays in name, not separated by any appreciable strait.

Less than two hours' steaming brought us into the mouth of the Vallejo Channel, which separates Mare Island from the continent, and soon we brought up at the city of that name. [As with us, they have some very small *cities* in this country.] When you transfer from steamer to cars at Vallejo, especially if you have invalid ladies in charge, be sure you get on the right train, else you may find yourself dashing away for Sacramento instead of Calistoga, which will most probably be your objective point. And especially, do not intrust your hand-baggage to a certain exile from Ethiopia on the boat, else it will most likely not accompany you on the first train.

NAPA CITY AND VALLEY.

A little before 7 in the evening we registered at the Revere House in Napa City, which is not very large either, but is a nice little town on the plains, and is the head of navigation on the Napa River, which is rather a bayou than a river proper, and is dependent on the tides for its navigability, for only small vessels float up and down its narrow, crooked channel, and but very few of these since the railroad was opened. This Napa is one of the beautiful valleys of this State, bordered on either side by the rolling foot hills, some verdant in this month of April with wild oats and native grasses, and others blackened with the dense chapparal. In its lower or southern part the valley is but little above the high tides, but as we proceed north the plain becomes more elevated. The soil is very rich, and is everywhere highly cultivated. Around every cottage and every mansion we observe the greatest prodigality of roses and other cultivated flowers, but, after all, the most gorgeous floral display is in the fields, where a wilderness of the most brilliant wild flowers, of every shade and hue, carpets the plain where they have not been choked down by the luxuriant wheat and barley.

A LEARNED WAITER.

At the supper table of the Revere House we were served by a waiter, who soon managed to make it apparent that he had been a great traveler and had waited upon many learned guests in various countries, and so had become very learned himself, and all this in a rather quiet way, without excessive ostentation, and without saying a word to us. To humor his fancy I gravely addressed him.

"*Garcon!* pass me that luciteal fluid which is obtained by digital compression of the secretive organs of the digital sex of the female hog."

"*Oui, monsieur,*" said the delighted waiter, while a glow of satisfaction lit up his countenance, and he fairly flew to the other end of the table and brought me the milk-jug. Sam restrained himself as long as he could, and then gave vent to a laugh which told how much he enjoyed the joke, while some strangers at another table testified their appreciation in a somewhat demonstrative manner. The disgust which this untimely mirth excited in the garcon could not be concealed, any more than his admiration at the extravagantly learned expressions which had so much elevated me in his estimation. Had he been called upon to guess my name, he would not have given me less than one syllables, for, like Corporal Chucks, he could scarcely bring himself to bow to less.

At the next morning's breakfast our learned waiter was on hand, and his extravagant attentions showed that his appreciation of learning was still unabated, and he received his gratuity in true Continental style.

CALISTOGA.

In a drive of an hour and a half we did Napa City, and its pleasant environs, and at 10:30 a. m., we took the slow train for Calistoga, where we arrived in time for lunch. We had been feasting on strawberries for weeks past, but were no more satisfied than on our first arrival on the ocean, for they were so abundant, and were surprised and disappointed not to find them on the table. I inquired at the office for them, but was informed that they could not afford to furnish them for all their guests, and so had none. I then inquired if it were not possible to get some, as we had come a great way to get them in abundance and could not afford to be without them a single day. The clerk said I could order them by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, and if I could give satisfactory references in the city they would surely be there that evening, as there was yet an hour before the Express would leave the city. This struck me as a happy arrangement, so I sent the message at once, and at 9 o'clock that evening I was in possession of eight pounds of the coveted fruit, with the promise of a regular supply.

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.

I have related this incident, as it served to introduce me, and so it may you, to one of the *institutions* of this country, for I deem it the duty of a traveler so study the useful institutions of the countries in which he travels, else he travels to little purpose.

HOW THEY BEAT THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

Three years since, when traveling in California, I observed that a large proportion of the letter-carrying was done by the Express Company of Wells, Fargo & Co., who sell their own envelopes with the Government postage stamp upon them for perhaps double the amount of the postage, and letters in these envelopes are delivered anywhere within their extensive territory. When returning from Portland to San Francisco I observed the Express Agent had a room on the ship with his sign over the door, and whenever I passed it he seemed to be busy assorting letters and packages, and when we passed into the Golden Gate he brought his mail bags on to the lower deck abaft the wheel, and, as we approached North Beach, I observed several horsemen sitting in their saddles on Long Wharf, from which a row-boat shot out like a dart, and as we slackened speed dropped behind the wheel-house and received those express mail bags, and was off for the wharf again as if life depended on a single moment. As quickly as possible after the boat reached the wharf the mail-bags were distributed to the horsemen, when they dashed away at full speed each to deliver in his own district; and I subsequently learned that by the time the Government mail was actually landed the letters in the express mail had been delivered. Mr. Smith, at that time Assistant Postmaster-General, stood by me and observed the movements as I have stated, and listened to an explanation of their significance by a passenger who seemed to know, and he could not conceal his vexation at thus seeing his Department fairly distanced in the race to serve the public promptly. "This," said our informant, "is the reason why Wells, Fargo & Co. are making a fortune by carrying mail matter, while they pay full postage to the Government, which does not raise a finger in the performance of the service. The promptings of self-interest to private enterprise will ever secure results to which Governments can never attain. The evidence now before us show, that the Government might receive a large bonus from this Express Company, and give them all the mail service within their territory, when they would serve the public better and cheaper than the Government can or will do, and make a profit out of the service abundantly satisfactory to the stockholders."

Of course the Assistant Postmaster-General could not squiesce in this suggestion.

"No," said he. "We can and will serve the public as well as Wells, Fargo & Co., or any other express company, and I will see to it at once that the mail steamers on this and all other routes do not lend themselves in this way to rend an opposition to the Government." It occurred to me that it would be quite ungracious for the Government to interfere with the accommodation of the public and paralyze the enterprise of the Express Company so long as the Post-Office Department received its full revenue, as much as if it did the service itself. I understand, however, that since then the special service on that line has been discontinued by the Express Company; but whether in consequence of any interference by the Government, as suggested by Mr. Smith, I am not advised. It is, however, still continued over the land lines within the territory of this Company, much to the satisfaction of the public, judging from the fact that most of the correspondence I saw there was done in the Company's envelopes, largely to the profit of the Company. Indeed, if you happen to write a letter in any business office in San Francisco, and ask for an envelope, the chances are that you will be handed one with the stamp of Wells, Fargo & Co., as well as the post-office stamp, upon it.

THEIR GENERAL BUSINESS.

All this I learned when on that coast three years ago, and I remembered it, when I found myself so well and promptly served in so small an affair as first mentioned, and so, on my return to the city, I resolved to inquire more into the mode of doing business by this Company, and to that end sought an introduction to Mr. J. J. Valentine, the General Superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co., and, to introduce the subject, stated how much his Company had obliged me in sending the fruit so promptly on my telegram, and inquired if they made it a general practice to fill orders for distant parties? "Certainly," said he, "our business is to serve the public in every possible way and in the promptest manner possible. We keep a corps of agents in this city for the express purpose of filling orders of the kind referred to, who know right where to go to get the thing ordered at the lowest price and of the best quality, only we must be assured of the perfect responsibility of the party making the order. An order from such a party, for a paper of pins, a Chinese cook, a wet-nurse, or a wheelbarrow, or indeed anything else to be found in the market, will be promptly filled, and the goods sent C. O. D. by the first express. This branch of business occupies a separate bureau in our organization, and upon its thorough efficiency much of our prosperity depends." I then remarked that the order and system which I thought I observed to prevail in his administration, might enable him to furnish me with some important statistics, which as yet I had been unable to obtain, such as the product and destruction of the precious metals of cereals, of the fisheries, of the fur trade of the coast, and other important industries, which are things that travelers should learn.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRECIOUS METALS.

He replied that he could give full information as to everything done by the Express Company, but most of the products refered to were too bulky to pass through their hands. Not so, however, with the precious metals, and he soon after handed me a copy of the following statement for the year 1872:

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S EXPRESS,
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
SAN FRANCISCO.

The Hon. J. D. Caton:

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find copy of a statement of precious metals produced during 1872, in the gold and silver-bearing districts west of the Missouri River. We have used the utmost care in ascertaining the amount of coin and bullion carried by freight, and the percentage allowed for gold dust, carried by United States mail, travelers, etc., is, we think, liberal, and at the same time reliable. The product for the year, $65,226,913.89 is $5,952,684.23 in excess of 1871, which was $58,284,029.66. The increase is confined to Utah and Nevada alone, some of the other localities falling off slightly. We can, if you desire, give you comparative tables of the years 1871 and 1872; but I propose to state that our Express communication is so limited, and knowledge so imperfect of Arizona, that we do not consider the figures given for that Territory as reliable for the product of that section. Yours truly,

JNO. J. VALENTINE, Gen'l Sup't.

Statement of precious metals produced in States and Territories west of Missouri River during 1872:

	Gold by express.	Estimated gold dust not by express.	Silver by express.	Bullion by express.	Total.
California	$16,000,000	$3,000,000	$1,696,116	$1,353,797	$21,049,913
Nevada	6,000,000	1,000,000	17,248,801	1,400,000	25,648,801
Oregon	1,000,000	200,000	1,000,000	905,034	3,105,034
Washington	200,000	50,000			250,000
Idaho	1,000,000	200,000	1,000,000	214,069	2,414,069
Montana	1,000,000	200,000	2,000,000	242,134	3,442,134
Utah	1,000,000	200,000	1,000,000	921,020	3,121,020
Arizona	1,000,000	200,000	145,000	777,000	1,777,000
Colorado	1,000,000	200,000	4,000,000	1,750,85	6,001,750
Mexico (west coast)	200,000	50,000	250,000	35,071	535,071
British Columbia	1,000,000	200,000	1,000,000	150,064	2,350,064
Grand total	$30,200,000	$5,300,000	$28,139,917	$8,698,173	$72,238,913

The bullion receipts at San Francisco for the past quarter are as follows, as shown by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure report for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1872:

OUTGOING.

From	Silver and bars.	Gold dust and bars.	Coin.	Total.
N. & S. mines	$324,696	$ 793,038	$302,394	$1,720,310
N. coast route	277,050	43,198	36,348	356,548
S. coast route	24,592	56,707	61,299	142,598
Mexico	38,553	.....	102,080	140,633
Total	$563,251	$1,043,070	$734,569	$2,341,490

INCOMING.

N. & S. mines	$221,148	$ 605,382	$418,748	$1,405,758
N. coast route	299,953	106,467		406,400
S. coast route	10,936	47,837	80,589	139,362
Mexico	40,945	5,400	96,460	142,805
Total	$362,003	$ 982,000	$595,362	$2,018,545

The aggregate of this shows a production west of the Missouri River of $62,236,913.89, of which $27,352,957.58 was gold. The silver product of Nevada is given at $22,215,653.69, but a large proportion of that is gold, probably $10,000,000. For instance, in the very able report of Dr. H. R. Linderman, of examination of Branch Mints on the Pacific coast, a return of 3,007 bars received from the Crown Point and Belcher mines, is given, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1872, at $6,638,699, of which $3,357,794 was gold. If we compare the return for Nevada, made for last year, we have results as follows:

1872	$22,177,046.00
1873	25,646,621.09
Increase	$3,371,775.09

This increase has taken place notwithstanding the untoward series of events which have affected the production of the Gold Hill mines. Yours truly,

JNO. J. VALENTINE.

NO GRUMBLING.

At the same time I learned that the territory occupied exclusively in the United States by Wells, Fargo & Co. includes nearly all west of the Missouri River, and that they extend their operations to Mexico, the Central South American States, Japan, China, Australia, and the Sandwich Islands. Their organization, however, is most complete on the Pacific coast of the United States. As soon as a new mining camp is opened a messenger is mounted on a pony, if no better conveyance can reach it, and he takes to them their coin and small packages, and brings away their dust and nuggets, and it is surprising indeed that their losses have been so small, with such extended and often hazardous operations. If at the first losses are sustained by the establishment of these new routes, generally this enterprise is soon rewarded by the development of a valuable business, and certainly by public appreciation. One thing struck me as very remarkable. During my travels of many thousands of miles on the Pacific slope, while I often heard people complaining of monopolies,—of the extortion of railroads and the telegraph, and sometimes of discourtesy by their employes, —I never heard a single complaint of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, but all seemed to be their friends and to appreciate their enterprise and the accommodations they afforded. I really believe that more talent is required to manage that extended concern, in the way in which it is managed, than to discharge the duties of President of the United States—at least in the way in which they are generally discharged. So I conclude that John J. Valentine must be really a great man. Not only perfect system and order are indispensable, but a mind to originate and ability to execute of the highest quality could alone have brought this great company to its present efficiency and prosperity.

THE SALARY-GRAB.

Gen. Butler's Defense of It.

From the Boston Journal, Aug. 4.

The Charlestown *Chronicle* says: Gen. Butler's paper—of a week ago promised that last Saturday's issue would contain the long letter which it has been announced he was preparing in defense of his action on the salary-grab. The *Chronicle* appeared, however, with the promise fulfilled but in part. It struggled through with seven columns of it, and then gave out, on the ground, it says, that the General was unable to finish it. The *Chronicle*, however, contains the following abstract, which is supposed to embody the strong points in the article, and as it appears in this authorized form, we copy it, so that the public may see what the author of the "grab" and its sturdiest defender has to say in its justification. It is addressed to a constituent in Essex County, possibly the one to whom he offered to remit 3 cents as his share of the burden which the grab imposes upon the nation, and the *Chronicle* says:

"It opens with a defense of the increase of the pay of the President, whose salary was raised from $25,000 to $50,000 by the bill. He shows that President Washington's salary was more than five times greater in its purchasing power than President Grant's; and that, taking into account the difference in wealth, population, and prices, Grant's salary would be $275,000 in round numbers, if in proportion to that of Washington.

"He next shows that the salaries of the Cabinet officers, Supreme Judges, and members of Congress would be treble their present amount, and that Congressmen should have higher rather than lower salaries than the Judges, as their expenses are necessarily greater.

"He then proceeds to show that the salary bill does not so much increase as equalize the salaries of members of Congress.

"He follows these up, and thus reducing the pay of some members quite 50 per cent, while it raises that of others to a like amount.

"It also abolishes all allowances in the shape of stationery and newspapers, as well as franking, so that instead of it being true that every Congressman voted himself $5,000 additional pay, there has not been in reality more than $1,000 a year added, if so much.

"Considering that the services of an efficient agent of a manufacturing establishment of any considerable capital cannot be had for less than $7,500 a year, while our railroads pay $25,000 for their Presidents, the General cannot see how this increase can be deemed too large by any right-minded man.

"At this point he makes a keen thrust at Minister Washburn, who has lately had published a letter in which he stated that the people did not elect members of Congress to go to Washington to support three or four mistresses, or to 'back at the tiger.' After speaking sarcastically of the Minister, the General adds he has not observed any objections on Washburn's part to the appropriation of $50,000, passed in 1871, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Minister to France in 1870, although that appropriation was retroactive. He adds that he thinks with this increase and 'backing the tiger,' it is perhaps a little easier to support a family in Paris on $175,000, gold, than to do the same in Washington on $7,500 currency.

"In other parts of his letter he shows that, almost without exception, every public man who has returned his back salary, or who has raised an outcry about it, has himself, in years past, voted for and accepted back pay. He especially ridicules Senator Wilson, the Washburn family, Daniel Webster, Charles Sumner, N. P. Banks, A. H. Rice, John F. Farnsworth, and Henry J. Raymond of the New York *Times*. He shows that Banks and Rice both voted, in 1866, for an increase of pay at the rate of 67 per cent., with mileage and other allowances,—made retroactive for the whole of that Congress,—that is, they voted for back pay for sixteen months, so that for that time the salary of each member was doubled.

"He also shows that, at the same time, John B. Alley, Oakes Ames, Baldwin of Worcester, Dawes of the Ninth District, Hooper of the Fourth, and Gov. Washburn did not vote at all, but dodged the question, and that if any one of these six Representatives who thus smoked had voted in the negative the bill would have been defeated.

"In dealing with members who have joined in the outcry against back pay, he does not seem to have written with gloves on.

"He says that from the beginning of the Government to the present hour, every State Legislature and every Congress which has increased the salary of its members, has made that increase back to the beginning of their services; that every executive officer, every Judge on the bench in Massachusetts, when his salary was increased, has always taken back pay; that the soldiers petitioned Congress to give them increased pay and bounty, and that Congress gave it, although in so doing they voted them back pay; that the mechanics in Government employ, before the eight-hour law was put in operation, by the President's proclamation, petitioned Congress to have increased back pay; and, therefore, if the members of the present Congress are back-pay grabbers, thieves, and robbers, so also have been all the illustrious statesmen of the past, from Washington to Grant, who accepted increased pay, as well as the purest of the judiciary, the most beloved of the Executives, the bravest of the soldiers and the working men.

"After an elaborate examination of the contract theory, the General shows that it is utterly groundless; that the action of the late Congress was in a strict accordance with the Constitution and with precedent; and that the requirement of the newspapers, that no man shall ever vote to raise his own pay, would simply have rendered an increase of pay impossible from the beginning of the Government down to the present day. He then states of his personal knowledge that among the many gentlemen lobbyists for the back-pay bill were certain special correspondents of leading newspapers who have since denounced it; although they themselves, as clerks of committees, received an increase of 15 per cent, going back to March, 1870.

"In this last salary bill, the back-pay feature of which the newspapers so much denounce, the pay of these very newspaper correspondents, clerks of the House, was raised 15 per cent, going back to March, 1870, and every newspaper—and there was a large number who had clerks on committees—took back-pay for two years, rolling it as a sweet morsel under their tongues, and then sat down and wrote virtuous articles denouncing the 'back-pay grab.'

"'Let me state, further, what is within my personal knowledge, that these very clerks were upon the floor of the House when the bill giving them back-pay was under consideration, lobbying furiously, and exhibiting most nervous fears lest it should fail. And, although, by their calumnies and slanders, these newspapers have frightened a few men who, I believe, mistake cowardice for conscience—against their better judgment, for some of them voted and spoke for the increase of salary—into sending back their increased salary into the Treasury, yet, if any newspaper man has sent any part of *his* back-pay into the Treasury he has not made himself visible to the naked eye.'"

The Bottom of the Atlantic Ocean—Explorations by the British Ship Challenger.

To the Editors of the New York Evening Post:

A letter to me from Bermuda contains an account of the explorations of the bottom of the North Atlantic so interesting that I send you a brief summary of it.

Three sections of the Atlantic have been sounded. In the one from St. Thomas to Bermuda the greatest depth found was 3,750 fathoms, near St. Thomas; thence to Bermuda, 620 miles, the average depth was 2,700 fathoms. A line of soundings was then run from Bermuda to New York, 640 miles, the depth varying from 3,000 to 2,600 fathoms, and in the centre of the Gulf Stream no bottom was obtained with 3,500 fathoms, owing to the rapidity of the current. The Challenger then proceeded to Halifax, and thence to Bermuda, 660 miles, sounding all the way. In crossing the Gulf Stream the cold wall discovered by Lieut. George M. Bache, United States Navy, in 1848, off the United States coast, was found, dividing the stream into two branches of warm water, the temperature of the northern branch being 62 degrees; then 54 degrees, and afterwards 73 degrees; then temperature of the water on the north side of the stream was 50 degrees.

The temperature of the water was taken at all the depths sounded, and the expedition so far has contributed, although just begun, more to our knowledge of the bottom of the Atlantic and its inhabitants than we have possessed before, and if continued with the same earnestness and precision will be of the greatest service to hydrographical science. The Challenger sailed from Bermuda on the 19th of June, to run a line of soundings between Bermuda and the Azores.

THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT.

More Responses to the Livingston County Platform.

FROM JOHN S. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT FARMERS' CLUBS AND GRANGES OF LA SALLE COUNTY.

SHERIDAN, Ill., July 29, 1873.

I have received yours of July 17, 1873. I think that I never read so much good sentiment on so small a piece of paper or in so few words; for which please accept my thanks. Please let me hear from you often. Our next meeting comes on Aug. 15. Yours, JOHN S. ARMSTRONG.

FROM ROSS MANLY, MASTER OF BUSHNELL GRANGE, M'DONOUGH COUNTY.

BUSHNELL, Ill., July 28, 1873.

Your circular, containing the Platform of the Farmers' and People's Anti-Monopoly party of Livingston County, Ill., was duly received; and, in answer, I would say that I fully indorse every sentiment therein set forth. McDonough County is the banner county of the State at this time. At our Fourth of July celebration, we had the largest meeting that was ever held in the county. Yours, &c., ROSS MANLY,

Master of Grange No. 94, Mound, Ill.

FROM C. H. BUTLER, SECRETARY CORNLAND GRANGE.

CORNLAND, Logan Co., Ill., July 25, 1873.

I received your postal-card bearing the Platform of the Farmers' and People's Anti-Monopoly party of Livingston County, and presented the same to my brother Grangers for consideration. They commission me to inform you that they indorse every sentiment couched in your Platform, and only wait impatiently for the consummation of those ends. Rest assured that we in this locality are aroused from our dullness or apathy, have buckled on our armor, thrown our ensign to the breeze, and intend to push this war against monopolies, &c., if needs be to the bitter end. We counsel all timid persons, children in arms, the weak-kneed and women, to the rear. Hence you will at once perceive that we are in unison with you; your cause is our cause; your grievances are ours. It's a common crusade, assuming gigantic proportions, affecting the "common people" alike, and we don't propose to sit still and hug the delusive phantom of "hope any longer. Our Order greets you cordially; and, when the exigencies arise, we will nobly do our duty, even unto the sacrificing of some gore, if the requirements demand it. This may seem all "bosh," and smack too much of braggadocio to some; nevertheless it's a truism, and the fire is this day burning in the bosoms of hundreds of thousands—yea, millions—of people of this country, that a breath would kindle to a flame, and cause them to resort to harshness for a redress of their wrongs; at least such are my convictions. Wishing you much success in the cause, fraternally yours,

G. H. BUTLER,
Secretary Grange 280.

FROM J. PRICKETT, PRESIDENT FULTON COUNTY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

LEWISTOWN, Ill., July 31, 1

ring man must arise and make a
or reform, for equal rights, and jus-
old McDonough, are thoroughly
cause, and all that is required for
n the right direction is to get the
her, and get their wishes in the
olutions, appoint Central Commit-
d the thing is done. A few say we
elative officers to elect this fall, con-
would be best to act with old parties
nt; but the majority are for imme-
that we may be later organized
have legislative officers to elect.
nd respectfully yours,
JOHN DOWNEN.

. STONEY, MASTER SHILO GRANGE.
PHILO, Ill., July 26, 1873.
with Platform of your Society, was
d, accordingly to your request, I can
fully indorse your entire Platform.
ged in the same good work, intend-
cute this matter until we get the
trolled by the law of the State. We
zed a Farmers' Club (known by
e) of some 400 farmers (the number
apidly), to ship our own grain and
our implements and groceries, and,
o everything a stock-company can
ld out to get a warehouse or elevator
use. We are compelled to do this
break down the middlemen, whom
the worst enemies the farmers have
e have found it absolutely necessary
as farmers in order to protect our-
our interests against railroad and
polies; and, by so doing, we have
e a furor down here. Our Granges
ng rapidly in this section, and we in-
ain the farmers at all hazards until
owerged the peers of all men and
one in the land. Our Grange has
e your communication has been re-
was at Tolono (Grange) Lodge last
hen your letter was read. It is in-
all our lodges. I remain, yours fra-
GEORGE T. STONEY.

W. M. SHREVE, MINIER, ILL.
MINIER, Ill., July 31, 1873.
July 17, 1873, is at hand, and I would
are with you to a dot. Hoping to
ou again, I remain, yours truly,
WM. M. SHREVE,
Secretary Illinois Grange, No. 214.

ROM O. H. P. BUCHANAN.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Henry Co., Iowa,
July 26, 1873.
tal card, with Platform of the Farm-
etc., is before me. I can assure you
n full sympathy with the platform as
n your card, and any movement to
condition of the working classes, and
e unjust demands of monopolies and
e will meet my approval. Yours
O. H. P. BUCHANAN.

ROM H. MINER.
WINCHESTER, Ill., July 29, 1873.
received a copy of the Livingston
latform. It is what we can indorse.
to the movement in our county, we
county organization, with twelve subor-
scinct clubs. The movement is gain-
d, although there is a good deal of ig-
nd prejudice to overcome. We are to-
mers' mass meeting on the 7th of
with the promise of S. M. Smith and
W. C. Flagg to address us; and we
their addresses will greatly accelerate
ment in our county. Yours truly,
H. MINER.

. L. OGDEN, MASTER MINIER GRANGE.
MINIER, Ill., July 27, 1873.
me to acknowledge your card of the
We fully indorse the same. I am,
ly yours, H. L. OGDEN,
M. W. Minier Grange.

ROM W. LOCHRIE.
UNION GRANGE, No. 250, }
MADOC, Ill., July 26, 1873. }
received card containing the Platform
armers' and People's Anti-Monopoly
ivingston County, and read the same
ange this evening, I have been in-
receipt the same. The Declaration
les there announced we do cheerfully
and do earnestly sympathize with our
rmers of Livingston County. Re-
yours, WM. LOCHRIE, Secretary.

ROM M. B. BRIDGE.
MARSHALL, Ill., July 24, 1873.
receipt of your circular containing
n and Platform of the producing cle-
ivington County. In reply, I have to
I was raised a farmer, and came from
o the office I now hold, and that my
pathy is in favor of protection of the
f the bone and sinew of this country,
st the tariff and all other monopolies.
N. B. BRIDGE.
his (Clark) county is being organized

. M'DOWELL, MASTER SAN JOSE GRANGE,
MASON Co., Ill.
al, containing platform and declara-
ully received. I have been educated
rinciples from my youth up.
rs truly, W. E. M'DOWELL.

FROM WESLEY CLOWES.
COLMAR, MCDONOUGH CO., Ill.
tform received, and Grange formed
ncock County, Ill., to-day. Directs me to say
e in full sympathy with your platform
espectfully, &c., WESLEY CLOWES,
Secretary Congress Grange.

M S. J. FREW, DEPUTY P. OF H.
ALEDO, Ill., Aug. 2, 1873.
containing the People's Platform is
nd considered. I can most heartily
it contains, and I think, when I say
ak the mind of nearly all the people in
of the country. There is a county
alled in Aledo, on the 27th inst., for
on of something similar.
Respectfully and truly yours,
S. J. FREW,
Deputy P. of H., Mercer County, Ill.

WHITTLETON, SECRETARY BARRY GRANGE.
BARRY, Pike Co., Ill., Aug. 1, 1873.
ledge the receipt of the Platform of
rs' and People's Anti-Monopoly party
ton County, Ill., with request, if we
ympathy, to acknowledge receipt.
but of your county, our Grange adopt-
ously all the planks in it except the
is was not rejected, but the members
derstand this banking system intelli-
ugh to comprehend it in regard to the
n of currency, etc. Yours fraternally,
E. WHITTLETON,
Secretary Barry Grange.

FROM O. W. LYON.
DEKALB, Ill., Aug. 1, 1873.
ror is received and contents noted.
rm is a good one, and I should think
st man would want to get on it with
We as Grangers are ready to do any-
etter the condition of the laboring
ours truly, GEO. W. LYON,
Secretary DeKalb Grange.

A. WOLFE, MASTER UNION GRANGE.
CHENOA, Ill., July 31, 1873.
form of Livingston County, of the
ly-party, is not only indorsed by me,
Union Grange, No. 287. Yours,
GEO. A. WOLFE,
Master of Union Grange, No. 287.

FROM J. L. MYERS.
MYERS, Dallas Co., Tex., July 28, 1873.
munication on postal card is before
sympathy with you and yours. At
Farmers' Clubs are formed in our
little in known here of the move
our State. I learn that Illinois is
ward, and determined to have fair
day as all. I was raised in your
ense and Jersey Counties, and feel a
st in all you undertake. Yours,
J. M. MYERS, P. T. O.
a farmer. My sympathies are all
of men who get their bread by honest
with all steals,—big steals, little
eals! J. M. M.

FROM E. K. BROWN.
NEW BUTLAND, Ill., Aug. 4, 1873.
o honor to acknowledge the receipt
form. We heartily accept the senti-
ined therein, and will give them our
rt. By order of Bennington Grange,
E. K. BROWN, Sec'y.

TWO INVESTIGATIONS.

Examination of the Charges Against County Commissioner Singer.

A Clear Case of Malice or Mistaken Identity.

The Milwaukee Charges Against Superintendent Washburn.

Failure of a Council Committee to Make Anything Out of Them.

THE SINGER CASE.

The Special Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, consisting of Messrs. Harrison, Russell, and Crawford, appointed to investigate certain charges against Commissioner H. M. Singer, met yesterday afternoon at the Board rooms.

The members of the Committee, Mr. Singer, Mr. Healey, one of the persons making the charges, were present.

The Committee organized, and it was stated by William Dunn, who had made charges relative to Mr. Singer's connection with the County Jail stonework was present. He did not serve.

Mr. Singer asked the Committee whether his accusers were to substantiate the charges, or he was to refute them. The affidavits were in the nature of charges, and, if the Committee saw fit, he was ready to meet them.

The Committee thought they should hear Mr. Healey's testimony, and let the Commissioner respond.

Mr. Healey, being sworn, said a little after noon of June 14 he left the Board of Public Works with Mr. Prindiville, and told him his business at Mr. Gay's office on LaSalle street, where he was going. Mr. Prindiville pointed out Mr. Gay's office to him, and he went over there. At the top of the stairs was a young man. On the floor of the corridor, and against the wall at the door of the room, lay a part of a plan. He heard Mr. Singer's voice in the room, and saw the side of his face, and so stopped at the door. He was certain it was Mr. Singer, having known him so long. The talk was about alterations to meet the views of the committee, of which were made Mr. Singer pledged himself and his friends to vote for it, since it would lead to the use of his stone. Mr. Healey at first intended to go in, but thought it was better not. The young man referred to as standing in the hall was one he had seen in Mr. Singer's office, and who had been there for some years. Who Mr. Singer was talking to he did not know, and did not know Mr. Gay. The room was one in the front of the building at the end of the corridor. What the plan was he could not say. Nothing else happened. When he left he told some friends, and they said such things ought to be ventilated. So he was requested to call on some reporter and open it up. He met, at lunch, some occasional reporters, who told him to go to an architect. So he went to Tilley's. He was not in, but Healey told the young man in the afternoon he told Armstrong and Egan how things were getting set up for them. In fact he took particular pains to noise it about. In Mr. Singer's conversation he mentioned the Court-House. He left the place as soon as he could, since he was afraid of being caught there. Which way the door opened he could not say. Mr. Singer was on the right of the door. The plan lay directly out in the hall.

In reply to Mr. Singer, he said he had known him over thirty-six years, and did not think he could have been mistaken in the identity. There might have been three or four other persons in Mr. Gay's office, but he saw only one form. The witness was stone-quarrying, but was doing nothing just now, having been working on Kankakee sandstone. His reason for stirring up the thing was because he was advised to. He had never had any strife with Singer, when Mr. Singer ran against him a little in letting the work for the jail. The witness wanted to get a contract for furnishing Kankakee stone. At the time of this conversation, he could not say whether Mr. Singer was sitting or standing, and they were not over eight feet apart. He saw Mr. Singer's face only as he turned away to leave the place.

A Mr. C. R. Kimball, employed in Mr. Singer's office, was produced, and Mr. Healey was asked if he was the young man he saw on the stairs. Mr. H. was not quite certain, and so examined him. Mr. Kimball had been at the office three times this season, and one of them might have been June 14. But he never was there at any time that Mr. Singer was. There was no other man in Mr. Singer's employ, who went to architect's office. He had never seen Healey around Gay's office.

Thereupon a brother of Mr. Kimball's was sent for, who is in the habit of visiting Mr. Singer.

Mr. A. L. Marsh stated that Mr. Healey had told him of this matter at the time it occurred, and seemed to believe it was Mr. Singer he saw there. Mr. Healey was his partner in the stone business, and told him this to show there was a ring formed.

Mr. Egan, the architect, said that on Saturday afternoon, about the middle of June, Mr. Healey had told him these circumstances just as related to the Board, and the witness had replied that it was a serious matter, and would do for this firm, if true. Healey said he had told Tilley, and intended to speak to other architects.

Mr. Prindiville stated that Healey had asked him about a church to be built on the North Side, and he said he did not know, but that perhaps Mr. Gay, who was a church architect, might; so he walked along with him and pointed out the office.

Mr. Parsons, employed in Tilly's office, swore that, on a Saturday in June, Mr. Healey had called at the office.

THE DEFENSE.

Mr. Gay, the architect, said that Mr. Singer had never been in his office till two days ago, and had not talked with him in any other office in the building. He was not in the habit of laying down papers in the corridor, and the description Healey gave of the room seemed to indicate that he had gotten around to the door to the draughting-room. No man had ever spoken to him in regard to the Court-House. There was a contractor named Hinchcliffe who was in the office a good deal, and who resembled Mr. Singer in voice and general appearance, but he had not spoken to him in regard to the Court-House. Mr. Gay was the only architect in the building. He was generally at his office Saturday by 12. He had not known Mr. Singer until a few days ago.

Mr. Singer stated that he never was on the third floor of No. 90 LaSalle street, or of any other building in the block, until he went a day or two ago to see Mr. Gay. He did not remember speaking to Mr. Gay on any subject until he explained his plans at Kentucky Block, and had not spoken to him afterwards until the affidavits were filed. How Mr. Healey could have mistaken him was a curiosity. Mr. Healey had had much hard feeling lately, there was no doubt. Once Mr. Healey called on him at the Kentucky Block, and wanted the question of stone brought up again before the Board, which Mr. Singer refused to do. Mr. Healey seemed quite angry, and said he would make things hot for Mr. Singer yet. He could not conceive that anything else could have caused it.

Mr. Healey then cross-examined Mr. Singer about their talk in Kentucky Block, and denied that he showed any animosity at the time. He had told Mr. Singer he had misrepresented sandstone in the Board, and Mr. Singer had not denied it.

Ald. Bailey stated that the Mr. Hinchcliffe referred to was very much like Mr. Singer. He had seen him when figuring on the work for the Elgin watch factory.

At this point Mr. Healey and Mr. Gay went over to look at the office of the latter.

While they were off William Dunn was called upon, but did not answer.

Mr. Deakman, contractor for stone-work on the new jail, did not know Mr. Dunn, and had an ear-let the cut-stone work. When a strike happened, it was usual for stone-cutters to help one another out. All his men had left, and so went to Singer's office to get them to help him out, and they did some for him with their consent. There was no contract; he was to pay what they charged. He went to them because it was necessary for him to keep on with his work. Most of his stone was bought from Walker & Dennisus, not a foot of it from Singer & Talcott, for any purpose whatever. He presumed they were getting out stone.

Mr. Singer stated that he was Vice-President of the Singer & Talcott Stone Company, and had been in the concern, but no part in the management.

Mr. Deakman said the Singer & Talcott Stone Company had done no work at all, except finishing a few stone. If his men had not struck, he would not have gone there.

After a time the other Mr. Kimball was shown to Mr. Healey, who said he believed he was the man he saw on the stairs. Mr. Kimball never was in Mr. Gay's office except day before yesterday. He knew Mr. Healey. The witness, who is Secretary and Treasurer of the Stone Company, had sold no stone for the jail building.

Mr. Gay reported that Mr. Healey led him to his front office and pointed out where he saw the plan, which was on the floor in the contractor's office and not in the corridor.

Ald. Bailey and one or two others testified on the jail question, but knew nothing material.

Mr. Merriman, Superintendent of the Singer & Talcott Company, swore that not a foot of stone had been sold for the jail. All that had been done was to plane a little stone for Mr. Deakman, as an accommodation.

Last year Mr. Singer was the General Superintendent, but since he became connected with the Board he had given it up.

Fred Wessell, draughtsman in Mr. Gay's office, stated he was in Mr. Gay's office on the day and at the time mentioned by Healey. He had not seen Mr. Singer there that day, and probably should have seen him if there. He could not say whether Hinchcliffe was in that day. The resemblance to Mr. Singer did not exist. He had not seen Mr. Healey there. Another draughtsman testified to about the same effect. He was able to see any one who came in, and he had not seen Mr. Healey.

Mr. Singer said it appeared from the witnesses that Mr. Gay was in his office that Saturday noon, and that that gentleman swore Mr. Singer was not there.

Mr. Healey said if Mr. Singer was not in that room that day he could not trust his eyes and ears. He hoped God would strike him dead with lightning if he had not seen Mr. Singer. His senses could not deceive him.

Mr. Harrison had no doubt Mr. Healey was deceived.

Mr. Crawford thought there was some other person whom Mr. Healey took for Mr. Singer.

Mr. Healey wanted that man brought along. The only thing he regretted was he did not w.k into the room.

THE WASHBURN CASE.

The Special Committee of Seven, appointed by the Common Council to investigate complaints affecting the official integrity of the General Superintendent of Police in his dealings with a Milwaukee dry goods merchant named Wheeler, who had some valuable property stolen from his store by Chicago thieves a short time since, met in the office of the City Clerk yesterday forenoon. The chair was occupied by Ald. Lengacher, and there were also present Ald. Sherwood, Culleton, McGenniss, Schmitz, and Cannon. The interested spectators were Mr. Wheeler, and Superintendent of Police Beck, of Milwaukee, who had been summoned to attend by the Chairman of the Committee, Commissioner Sheridan, Capt. Hickey, Superintendent Washburn, and Ald. Schaffner.

After the Committee had been called to order, Ald. Schaffner arose and explained his position, with the permission of the Chair. As he had been instrumental in having the Committee appointed, he wanted to say that he entertained no feelings of animosity against the Chief of Police. His object in offering the resolution in the Council calling for the appointment of the Committee was to show the public that the charges made against Superintendent Washburn and the Chicago police force in the Milwaukee papers were without foundation. Statements affecting the integrity of the Superintendent had been made to him personally, but he did not believe them, and was anxious they should be thoroughly investigated.

The Chair courteously allowed Ald. Schaffner to make several personal explanations during the meeting, but he might as well be dropped now as at any other time. His remarks, as a whole, amounted to nothing, and the substance of them is given above.

Ald. Sherwood expressed a desire to know how the Committee was going to proceed with the investigation,—whether formal charges were to be presented against the Superintendent, or whether the complaints and rearsays were to be looked into in a formal manner. He said he hadn't the most remote idea as to the nature of the Superintendent's alleged offense, or as to the nature of the duties which the Committee was expected to perform.

Two or three members of the Committee aided and abetted by Ald. Schaffner, attempted to enlighten him, but however thoroughly they understood the question themselves, they ultimately failed to put their thoughts in understandable shape, and the result was a muddle at the very commencement.

It was finally decided that the investigation should be conducted in a conversational sort of way, questions to be allowed without regard to order or connection; and for this reason a detailed report of the proceedings cannot well be given. They did not amount to much anyhow, and are worth only a summary.

Mr. Wheeler, on being asked for his statement, arose from his seat, and, drawing a quarter-section of a Milwaukee paper from his pocket, began to read. The document turned out to be a the printed copy of an affidavit which he made in Milwaukee in order to set himself right with his townsmen. A large portion of it was taken up with a history of the robbery, how it occurred, how it was discovered, and how the thieves were followed to Chicago.

Mr. Wheeler had scarcely begun to read when an Alderman suggested that it would be well to hear Superintendent Washburn's statement first. That gentleman pointed to his recent communication to the Board of Police, which lay on the table, and said it contained about all he had to say on the subject. It was read, together with accompanying affidavits and letters, and then the Milwaukee man was allowed to proceed.

The gist of Mr. Wheeler's statement was that he could not get his goods when he called for them, that Supt. Washburn asked him for $200 with which to reward the policemen who captured the thieves when they left the train near the city limits, and that Supt. Washburn had treated him in an ungentlemanly manner when he refused to furnish the money for the reward. He stated that he was willing to give the men something without being asked, and that the request for money before the delivery of the goods to him made him feel at the time as if Mr. Washburn had decided to make the return of the property conditional upon the payment of $200. What galled him most, however, was the unruly treatment which he received at the hands of Mr. Washburn during one interview, and the trouble to which he had been put before he could regain possession of that which rightfully belonged to him. Personally, he had nothing against the Superintendent, but he believed that he had no authority to keep his property as long as he did, and had no right whatever to ask him for a reward for the officers.

Superintendent Beck was the next to make a statement. He related the substance of a conversation between himself and Superintendent Washburn, during which the question of a reward for the men who captured the thieves was broached. Mr. Washburn, knowing that he was one of the oldest and most experienced Chiefs in the country, asked him if he believed in the policy of rewarding men for unusual tact or courage. He replied that he did. Mr. Washburn then remarked that the men who arrested the Milwaukee thieves ought to have $100 each. He coincided, saying it was not too much to give them, and promising to contribute liberally himself. Mr. Washburn wouldn't hear of that, because Beck and he earned their money too hard to give any of it away. Beck then asked him if he intended to talk to Wheeler about the reward, and he replied that he did, as Wheeler's property was at stake. Beck told him what sort of a man Wheeler was, and he doubted if he would make anything out of him. Subsequently he went to meet Wheeler at the depot, and, while going to the centre of the city with him, in a carriage, told of the conversation he had with Washburn about the reward. Wheeler said he didn't like to be asked for any-thing in that way.

In answer to a question, Superintendent Beck said the question of reward should be left entirely to those whose property had been recovered. That was the custom in every city.

Superintendent Washburn then made a statement, in addition to the written one which had been previously read. He thought he could show the Committee that he had done nothing illegal. He did not retain the goods for the purpose of getting the reward,—nothing was further from his mind. The reason that he did not deliver up the goods when Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Beck first called for them was, that he had no right to do so without due process of law. Otherwise he would lay himself open to prosecution. Then he was served with a garnishee by a man who claimed to be a creditor of one of the thieves, and that delayed matters again. He told the Police Commissioners and others that he was going to ask for the reward, and did not consider it in the light of an improper act. He was willing to apologize to Mr. Wheeler if he had treated him rudely.

Commissioner Sheridan stated that Superintendent Washburn told him that he intended to ask Wheeler for a reward, and that he advised him to be careful, as the rules of the Police Department did not permit anything beyond a bare suggestion in that regard.

The Committee then took a recess for about an hour. Upon reassembling, Ald. McGennies was absent. Supt. Washburn and Comissioner Wright were present. The latter made an unimportant statement.

Ald. Sherwood offered the following, for the purpose of securing an expression of opinion:

Resolved, That the Committee do not find that Mr. Washburn, in his relations with the stolen goods of Mr. Wheeler, of Milwaukee, did anything in violation of law, or which in any way reflects upon his official integrity as Superintendent of Police.

The motion was strenuously opposed by the rest of the Committee, and after a long and useless argument, an adjournment until Saturday at 3 p. m., was agreed upon.

The probability is that the Committee will administer a mild rebuke to the Superintendent by refusing to countenance the practice of asking for, or even suggesting, a reward, and delaying the return beyond a reasonable time.

ST. GEORGE'S PICNIC.

The Annual Excursion of the English Residents of Chicago—A Large Attendance—Music, Dancing, Racing, and Prize Babies.

The St. George Society gave their annual picnic yesterday at Tracy's Grove, Washington Heights, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, when nearly all the English population of Chicago took occasion to show their love for the mother-country, and also to enjoy a holiday with their families or sweethearts, as the case might be.

The officers of the Society, and most of the members, went out at 9:20 a. m., on a train of seven coaches, and six flat cars fitted up with commodious seats, and at half-past 10 another train of the same size took out those who could not go in the morning. The Society paid the railroad $500 for two trains to the grounds and back again. They paid the owner of the ground $100 for the use of it, so if they more than pay expenses they will do well.

For so large, and, from the nature of things, so mixed, a crowd, there was general good order and kindly feeling. Indeed, the half-dozen police and the Marshals of the Society had very little to do, but they did that well. As the train started out, about twenty disreputable characters had their money refunded and were put off the train. As soon as the party from the first train reached the grounds, about a dozen thieves spread a cloth and began a game of bunko, but the prompt action of the police stopped that immediately, and there was nothing more of the kind during the day. In the morning the crowd gave themselves up to enjoyment, either by dancing, swinging, getting still, or trying one of the many ways to invest 10 cents so as to make it return to the owner $10, or testing the muscles by lifting or throwing, or in some other way. It was very funny to witness some verdant youth, with the utmost confidence, step up to some beneficent individual who, "for the small sum of 10 cents," would give this Simple Simon an opportunity to toss three wooden rings over a little peg, the accomplishment of which feat would bring to the depleted exchequer of the "tosser" 50 cents for each ring. But when the first ring missed the peg by a yard it was attributed to lack of judgment; the failure of the second ring to go on the peg as was intended brought unfeigned astonishment to the youth's visage, but, nothing daunted, he again strove with fate, and the picture of despair sought consolation in a bottle of pop.

The most enjoyable thing of the day was to watch the old people dance. The way the boys and girls of 65 and 70 years went through with Sir Roger de Coverly or danced a horapipe put many a younger one to shame. Now came the subject of most general interest to all, viz: dinner. To walk about and see roast beef, pork-pie, plum-pudding, "tobys" of ale, etc., was a sight truly *mirabile visu*. That genial and whole-souled gentleman, Mr. Booth, the President of the Society, spread a sumptuous collation in his tent, to which were invited the various committees of the day, the representatives of the press, and a few invited guests. After the dinner had been discussed in a manner that proved to the most skeptical that it was duly appreciated, Dr. Carr, in a few well chosen remarks, proposed "The health of the President. Mr. Booth, which was drank standing, Mr. band play-ing "The First Old English Gentleman." The toast to the Caledonian Club was responded to by its President, who, in a very feeling manner, referred to the close bonds of sympathy between the English and Scotch. "The Press" was responded to by Mr. Cleveland, of the *Journal*, in a very happy manner. "Young America" was a theme which gave Dr. Carr an opportunity for an impromptu address, which was well received. After drinking the welfare of the St. George's Society, the company dispersed to witness the games, of which the following is a brief summary:

First—A race of 100 yards for girls under 14 years. Won by Minnie McPherson.

Second—Race same as above for boys under 14 years. Won by Cornelius Keller.

Third—Race same as above for girls over 14. Won by Libbie Alba.

Fourth—Race same as above for married ladies. Won by Mrs. Morgan.

Fifth—Race same as above for widows. Won by Mrs. Maloney.

Sixth—Race same as above, open to all ladies. Won by Mrs. Morgan.

Seventh—Sack-race. Won by Alphonso Decker.

Eighth—Egg-race. First prize won by John Decker. Second prize won by Alphonso Decker.

Ninth—Quilting-match. First prize won by John Furgeson. Second prize won by John Evey.

Tenth—Baby-show. First prize, Euphrasia Arabella Bliffins. Second prize, Wellington Nelson Pimple. Third prize, Eudocia Orphena McGraw.

Thus ended the picnic.

WEST SIDE POST-OFFICE.

The following circular, issued from the Post-Office, contains information of interest to all residents of the West Division:

It will interest the people of Chicago, and more immediately those resident on the West Side, to learn that the Branch Post-Office known as the "West Division Station," located at the northwest corner of Washington and Halsted streets, which has been in process of fitting up for the past few weeks, is now ready for the transaction of a regular post-office business. The territory served by this station is all that portion of the West Division lying north of Harrison street. There are on duty here thirty-five carriers whose service is direct from the station. Mail matter addressed simply to "West Division Station, Chicago Post-Office," will be placed in its general delivery. The people residing south of Harrison will be served as usual through the main office.

In addition to the convenience of these Post-Office Stations for the prompt delivery and receipt of mail matter, the facility they afford for the safe transmission of money and valuables, through the money-order and registry systems, it is hoped will be fully appreciated and taken advantage of by the people. One of the objects of the Department in establishing these stations, and their location at points within easy access, is that the opportunity for their use as a safe medium for the transmission of money and valuables of every description, when wanted, and not lost to those to whom, time being more than money, cannot afford a journey to a distant main office. That the efforts of the Department in this direction to protect the property, and otherwise accommodate the people, are appreciated, is be-yond a question, as is evidenced to some extent in the amount of money-order business at the West Division Station. There was received yesterday for orders sold nearly $400. This, for the opening day at the station, promises well.

The hours of business are as follows:

For the delivery of letters, from 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., and on Sundays from 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

Stamp and stamped envelope department open from 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., and on Sundays from 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

Money-order and registered letter departments open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

N. B. On Mondays and Thursdays the money-order and registered letter departments will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Mails will close at the station about one hour earlier than at the main office.

At the Second Post-Office, with the view to accommodate that class of our people whose time is exclusively occupied between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., on two days of the week, Mondays and Saturdays, the money-order office will be kept open till 8 p. m. The registry department hereafter will not close until 8 p. m. By this change it will afford the public a much needed convenience, as well as saving to the office the great annoyance in trying to close out money letters sent through the open mails, a labor seldom rewarded with success. The excuse heretofore given that the hours of the office being unsuited to the convenience of the laboring classes, they had no time to avail themselves of the safer facilities afforded by the Department, and that the latter facility regarded by the Department, and thus trusted to luck, can no longer be considered a good one. As this change is made solely in their interest, it is to be hoped that hereafter all remittances of money or valuables by mail through the medium of the Post-Office Department will be either sent by money-order or through the registered mail.

Washington Heights.

Messrs. Elison & Foster, the prominent auctioneers of this city, will, on next Friday afternoon, Aug. 8, at 3 o'clock, make sale by auction of 62 superb residence lots, situated at Washington Heights in the immediate vicinity of the depot. This property is beautifully situated, and the lots are very choice, some being fully 200 feet front by 220 feet deep, and handsomely covered with fine trees. A free train will start from Van Buren street depot at 1:45 p. m., and return after the sale. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Crowd that Gathers

in Anderson's European Hotel Dining-Rooms goes to show that the public appreciate a good meal at a moderate price. Their cooking cannot be excelled; they challenge the country on soups. Home-made bread, pies, and pastry, and good trading; are a few of their specialties. Call and examine their bill of fare. You can find them at Nos. 143 and 145 Madison street.

HYDE PARK.

A Subject of Much Importance to That Interesting Suburb.

Report of the Water Committee to the Board of Trustees.

An Exhaustive Examination of the Merits of Rival Water Works.

The Holly and Worthington Systems—The Latter Preferred.

The following is the report of the Water Committee of the Board of Trustees of Hyde Park, made to that body at its last meeting:

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park:

Having, so far as practicable, completed our plans and specifications for water works for the Village of Hyde Park, we lay before your honorable body the following report:

We have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, plans and specifications for a lake crib, and also for pumping works, and a general plan for buildings for pumping works, and a general plan for the distribution of pipes—with the written report of Gen. W. S. Smith thereon, including a site for the works.

THE ENGINE QUESTION.

Upon the question of the kind of machinery to be adopted by you for the distribution of water, we refer you to the report of Gen. W. S. Smith, already before you, and recommend its adoption. We also lay before you, and recommend to the Board of Water Commissioners by James Wadsworth, Esq., and C. M. Hardy, which is as follows:

To the Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Hyde Park:

The undersigned, members of the Board of Water Commissioners, respectfully report that, for the purpose of forming an independent judgment upon the very important question of the kind of pumping engines which they could recommend to the Board of Trustees of the village of Hyde Park to purchase, they have made personal examination of six works, in company with Hon. E. S. Cheslbrough, Engineer of the City of Chicago, examined the Holly engines at Binghampton, Buffalo, and Dunkirk, N. Y., and the Worthington engines at Rahway, N. J., Brooklyn, and Long Island, Philadelphia, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and Pettaconsett; at Providence, R. I.; and at Jackson, and at Saginaw, Mich., and Mr. Hardy alone examined the Worthington engine at Michigan City, Ind.

COST OF THE HOLLY SYSTEM.

The first Holly engine examined was at Dunkirk, N. Y. It is of the pattern most approved by Mr. Holly, and purports to be the best manufactured by him. It cost $38,500, and the whole cost of the works was $100,500 for a population of 9,000, or $11.16 per head of the entire population, not counting the yearly interest of $6,030 on their bonds. The engine had been in operation two months, at a cost of $4,150, or $9,960 per year; had supplied 200 consumers, at $49.80 for each consumer. The charge for each consumer in the town cost annum, so that to supply each consumer the town cost $45.80 per year; in other words, the income from consumers was $300 all told, and the loss $9,180. This loss is the cost of the so-called "fine service." The best fire cut exhibited to us was a ¾-inch stream thrown from a ¾-inch nozzle, from 70 to 80 feet vertically, and from 125 to 150 feet horizontally. This test was made at high pressure and at a speed of over forty revolutions a minute. There were no statistics to show the quantity of water consumed, no authenticated record of the capacity of the engine, and it had been in use so short a time that its durability could not be approximated.

At Buffalo, N. Y., the Holly engine was put in connection with water engines, so that no reliable statistics could be obtained. At Binghampton, N. Y., the works cost altogether $198,000—or $13.20 per head of entire population. The cost of maintaining the works last year was $13,126, and the engines burned 1,000 tons of coal, at $5 per ton. These works are not now approved by Mr. Holly or his agents, and of the fifty-six Holly engines, said to be in use, but three are now recommended by Mr. Holly's agents, and no others are recommended as samples, from which to purchase.

ITS WORKINGS AT ROCK ISLAND.

The next Holly pump examined was at Rock Island, in this State. Our attention was particularly directed to this place, because one member of your Board of Water Commissioners knew nearly every business man in the place, and believed he could, by extended inquiries among them, get their candid opinion as to the economy and usefulness of the Holly engine. As usual, we found the men who were instrumental in introducing the machinery enthusiastic admirers of it, but, believing their enthusiasm premature, we compiled from official sources, and from the books of the Board, the following summary, rejecting fractions: The works are located upon the shore of the Mississippi River with a conduit pipe running to a filter-bed just a few feet from the engine-house. The cost of the works was $170,000. The pumping-engine, with boilers, stone cost, at Lockport, N. Y., $32,000. The works have been in operation but thirteen months. Have pumped from 100,000 to 180,000 gallons per day, and have consumed 1,450 tons of slack coal, which is the fuel generally used by the engineers, to be of the best quality for steam purposes. At the end of thirteen months there were but 305 consumers, all told, while a much smaller number would represent the average consumption. The whole cost of maintaining the works was $5,864. Assuming 200 as the average number of consumers, since the pumps moved, it cost $29.27 for each consumer. The slack cost used cost but $1 per ton, delivered within shoveling distance of the boilers—an economy of fuel beyond our reach. If we should use the same machinery, had the same number of consumers, and should consume the same quantity of coal, it would cost $11,079 per year, or $55.39 per consumer. After two days' diligent inquiry among the best and most substantial property-owners and business men (and not selected from among the enemies of the machinery), we have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that their average judgment is against the Holly engines, as being too expensive for the work they do. "There is a tremendous bite in the price of coal, the chimney," said one. "We have works that cost us over $100,000, which is $75,000 more than they are worth to us," said another. "If Mr. Mitchell, the President of our Water Board, can't get rid of the cost of maintaining the works down to the lowest figures, no one can. The fault is in the machinery, and 1,500 tons of coal should distribute ten times the volume of water ever supplied by these engines," said another. And these three quotations, as we believe, fairly express the average sentiment of the community which has furnished the means to buy and maintain these works.

THE OPINION IN DAVENPORT.

Learning that Davenport, Ia., was soon to be supplied with water as a private enterprise, by Mr. Donoghue, the ex-Mayor, a capitalist and practical engineer, we consulted him as to the best machinery for raising and distributing water. In addition to many years' experience as a skilled mechanic and engineer, he had traveled extensively and inspected the various systems of water-supply, both in Europe and the States. He at once said: "The simplest kind of machinery which puts power against resistance is the best." We then asked what were the relative merits of the Worthington and Holly engines, and he answered that the Worthington engine was the best; that in no event would he use the Holly machinery even in its best forms because of its great cost, its wasteful expenditure of fuel, loss of power, and its tendency to self-destruction. Considering the fact that Mr. Donoghue has unrivaled facilities with his own works, to furnish both fire and domestic supply of water to a city of not less than 15,000 inhabitants, by the direct pressure system; and had fully investigated the question, with the view to staking his fortune and reputation upon the success of the enterprise, we gave his opinion much weight.

INVESTIGATIONS AT SAGINAW AND JACKSON.

Upon our return, we were met by Mr. Holly's agents, who insisted upon our seeing the Holly engine in operation at Saginaw, Mich., which engine, they said, were precisely the engine they proposed to furnish Hyde Park, claiming for it all the merits of simplicity and economy that could be claimed for any hydraulic engine—with additional appliances for regulating the pressure of water in the pipes.

Desiring to see the best engine in use, we went to Saginaw, and, on our way, inspected the Holly-engine in use at Jackson, Mich.—which is the one to be specially exhibited to you—and recommended as samples, from which to purchase.

ITS WORKINGS AT SAGINAW.

Saginaw, with two piston pumps instead of four. Before we started away our attention was particularly called by the President of the Board of Trustees to the action of the "automatic indicator," as the appliance for maintaining uniform pressure upon the pipes is called. We watched the motion of the engine for half-an-hour or more—the highest pressure upon the pipes being 60 lbs to the square inch, and the lowest 30 pounds. Once in every seven minutes the pressure rose and fell 30 pounds to the inch,—rising from 30 pounds to 60, and falling from 60 pounds to 30 pounds, as the dead points were reached—and these extremes of variable pressure were reached as often as every three revolutions, during our stay. The indicator was in constant motion, and Mr. Holly's agent, who accompanied us, said he didn't understand the reason of the variation.

Previous to our arrival at Saginaw, telegrams had been received by the Chief of the Fire Department there, from Mr. Holly's agents, and every preparation had been made to exhibit the best fire-test of which the machinery was capable. When we arrived we found the condenser, by means of which the engine was run at low pressure, detached, and all four pumps running at high pressure. Steam is furnished by two horizontal boilers, but one of which was heated when we arrived. The second boiler was soon heated, and steam pressure increased to 70 pounds to the inch, when hose was attached to four double hydrants and two single ones, and the display began. The engines and pumps were run to a speed of 40 revolutions per minute, producing a pressure of 95 pounds of water to the inch. Six one-inch streams were thrown from a 15-inch main, and four from a 10-inch main, the whole 10 streams averaging about 75 feet high. We requested that the streams be thrown from the point at the greatest distance from the works to which any of the mains extended, for the double purpose of noting the effect of friction in the small mains and the capacity of the small mains to furnish a fire supply at remote distances; but our request was disregarded. The attachments were all made within three and a half blocks from the pumps, but single lengths of hose were used, and all, or nearly all, the water was, by closing other mains, turned into the main from which the streams were thrown, so that the entire capacity of the pumps was directed to the display. We noticed that, as soon as the display began, all connection with the machinery for regulating pressure in the pipes, was broken by the engineers, and the engines run without any attempt to regulate the pressure. This fact has not been explained to us. We had thought that, with four pumps, each double-acting, and purporting to eject a volume of water equal to the size of their cylinders into the pipes 180 times a minute, producing a pressure of 95 pounds to the inch, the indicator might be useful; but, from the fact that it was not used, we conclude that it is not necessary when the pipes are under high pressure for fire-supply, and the pulsations then following in two quick succession to allow any material or noticeable variation in pressure wherever the pumps and hydrants are supplied with air-chambers.

It was said that the Saginaw engine burned but two cords of green slabs per day. We found from two and a half to three cords of dry pine slabs and edgings, mixed, burned under the boilers, per day, to supply but fifty consumers, all told—the water being used, in the Chief told us, for domestic purposes. During the display of an hour and a quarter, a cord of pine and half a cord of dry, body maple wood were consumed. If we estimate the fuel consumed at $5 per day, it would cost $35 per year for each consumer, not counting any other expenses for ma

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Thursday Morning, August 7, 1873.

An International Patent Rights Congress is now in session at Vienna. One of its purposes is to induce all civilized nations to unite in protecting the right of inventors to the fruits of their inventions the world over.

Capt. Phillips and the other officers of the City of Washington, who recently wrecked that vessel on the coast of Halifax, have been discharged by the Inman Company from their service for their inexcusable neglect to use the lead while rushing on through the fog day after day.

Salvalan Khan has not been successful in his appeal to the British Courts to declare his "concession" from the Shah in 1866 superior to that just got by Reuter. The Lord Chancellor disposed of the matter summarily, saying that he could assume no jurisdiction over an alleged fraud of this kind committed on a foreign Government.

The attendance at the National Educational Association at Elmira proves to be 1,500 instead of 1,000, as reported yesterday. A hopeful sign is the presence among them of a number of teachers and School Superintendents from the South, which needs a thorough and general system of educational Reconstruction not less than political reform.

It is announced from Washington that Gen. Spinner, the United States Treasurer, is anxiously awaiting the back-pay which some of the Congressmen have told their constituents they had covered back into the Treasury. Gen. Spinner has here an opportunity for establishing a reputation as the most patient man in America.

Italy sends us something besides the lazzaroni, who were decoyed in swarms to Castle Garden last winter, and the little slaves of the harp who infest our large cities. The Italian Minister of Finance reports to the Italian Parliament that the commerce between Italy and the United States has greatly increased, as is shown by the large r number of vessels it employs. This growth of trade will be promoted by the abolition, just announced, of all import duties on raw products destined for manufacture in Italy.

Canada does not take kindly to its Credit Mobilier. A great meeting of the citizens of Montreal was held last night to give voice to their indignation at the course of the Government in the Pacific Railway scandal—a kind of demonstration never made in this country against our Pacific Railway swindlers. The meeting resolved that the action of the Government, in thwarting the investigation begun in accordance with immemorial usage by the House of Commons, was subversive of the rights of the people, and they call upon Parliament to reassert their prerogative when they meet again on the 13th inst.

The Cincinnati ratification meeting on Monday evening was sufficiently formidable in point of numbers, and in the character of the persons present, to assure the public that the new-party movement in Ohio means business. The action of the Democratic State Convention at Columbus, yesterday, shows that that party is not yet ready to retire. There will be three tickets in the field, and Ohio will be the center of public attention in the political arena this year. Judge Collins, in his speech at the Cincinnati Convention, hit the nail on the head when he said that, wherever you find a Republican with his arm in the public Treasury up to his shoulder, you will find a Democrat with his arm in the same exchequer up to the elbow.

Those who advocate the suffrage for women and their participation in political assemblies will seize with avidity on the argument to be deduced from the scene in the Labor-Reformers' Convention at Worcester yesterday. The delegates fell to debating the merits of Gen. Butler for the Governorship of Massachusetts, and so warm waxed the dispute that they were about to come to blows. There were two women in the Convention, however, and these succeeded, by the pacific arts of the sex, in quieting the contestants, and saving the Convention from the disgrace of a fisticuff. Gov. Washburn is declared by the Reformers to have perpetrated a swindle of the most atrocious character upon Labor-Reformers by some changes he has recently made in the staff of the Labor Bureau, in violation of his pledges.

Sunday laws are not likely to be a dead letter in Madison, Wis., much longer. Acting-Mayor Chapman accepts with enthusiasm the suggestion of the saloon-keepers that they appoint a committee of twenty to aid him in prosecuting all Sunday laws, and stopping the business of steamboats, livery-stables, and stages, as well as that of the saloons. To assist them, in his turn, he will commission them as special police. He adds that the temperance and religious societies will, do doubt, also swell the movement. At the same time, he hints that the effect of this crusade will react upon the liquor-sellers who originated it. The enforcement of those Sunday laws which are not demanded by public interest will procure their repeal, and thus make still more prominent on the statute-books the laws against Sunday liquor-selling, which public opinion will not be likely to abolish.

The Chicago produce markets were generally quiet yesterday. Mess pork was in moderate demand and steady, at $15.75@15.80 seller the month, and $15.85@15.90 seller September. Lard was dull and nominally unchanged, at 7¾@7¾c per lb for winter, and 7¾@7¾c for summer-rendered. Meats were quiet, but higher, at 7¾c for shoulders; 9¼@9¾c for short middles, and 10@12¾c for sweet-pickled hams. High wines were quiet and unchanged, closing at 92c per gallon. Lake freights were less active and steady, at 5¾c for corn to Buffalo. Flour was quiet and unchanged. Wheat was dull and stronger, closing at $1.19@1.19¼ cash; $1.14¾ seller the month, and $1.07¾ seller September. Corn was less active, and ¾c lower, closing at 37¾c cash, and 37¾c seller September. Oats were more active, and ¼c higher, closing at 27c cash, and 26c seller September. Rye was quiet, and 2c higher, closing at 60c. Barley was dull and 1c lower, at 85c for new, seller September. Hogs were steady, with sales at $4.20@4.85. The cattle and sheep markets were without material change.

Four inches of platform the Cincinnati *Enquirer* prescribed to be as much of a dose as the collapsed condition of its party warranted the Ohio Democratic Convention in administering at one time, but the Convention has gone a foot beyond that prudent limit. They have issued a long address, which begins with the reassuring statement that the Democracy mean to revive no dead issues, and is opposed to nullification and secession. These live issues having been thus vivaciously treated, centralization is denounced, together with all extension of State functions to interference with private affairs. Liberal laws for the naturalization of foreigners, opposition to the exemption from taxation of a large portion of the profit-producing wealth of the country, the restriction of tariff-legislation to revenue purposes, the redress of farmers' grievances, the reservation of public lands for actual settlers, denunciation of the salary-steal, condemnation of the President's Louisiana policy, are the chief points of the Democratic creed, which closes with the averment that, as the Republican party has possession of the Government in every department, it is responsible for all the mistakes in legislation and administration of which the country complains.

Gen. Butler promised to furnish the Charlestown (Mass.) *Chronicle* with a copy of a letter addressed by him to a constituent on the subject of the back-pay bill; but, as the General was able only to furnish seven columns of the unfinished letter, by reason of a press of business, the editor gives a synopsis of that much. We publish elsewhere this abstract of the letter. Gen. Butler argues that the back-pay and salary-grab act is unjust because it does not raise the salaries high enough. He insists that President Grant ought to get $275,000 a year to place him on an equality with Washington. He argues that members of Congress ought to be paid higher salaries than the Judges of the Supreme Court. The rest of the letter contains little that is new, except an assault upon those Washington correspondents of newspapers, who are also clerks to Congressional committees, and who, while recipients of back pay themselves, have not hesitated to denounce the grab on the part of members. We have no doubt that his statements concerning these correspondents are true, but how that can affect the morality of the action by Congress is not very clear. If Butler's exposure shall result in having all these correspondents dismissed from their offices, there will be no cause for regret.

The Water Supply Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Hyde Park, to ascertain which system could, in their opinion, most cheaply and efficiently supply the village with water, have submitted to that body a report, which is published in another column. The Committee confined their attention to the Holly and Worthington systems, examining the workings of the former at Rock Island, Saginaw, and other places, and of the latter at Rahway and other points where it is in use. From their own investigations, and from the unanimous opinion of engineers, they decide against the purchase of Holly engines, which cost twice as much as many others, and are more expensive to run, at the same time being less efficient. Since their examinations have not been thorough enough to justify them in recommending the adoption of any particular system, they simply submit resolutions providing for the immediate erection of a crib in the lake, its connection with the shore by a sixteen-inch main, the laying of the water pipe in the streets, and the erection of a building to contain the machinery, which should be the simplest and least costly that can be procured, and which is capable of doing the work required.

Now that Chicago is more extensively engaged than ever before in the work of improving its thoroughfares, it is an excellent occasion to abandon the system that has been in vogue heretofore for taking care of them. It has been the general practice in this city, after a street has been paved, to allow it to go to ruin at its own rate. There are now wooden pavements on some of our streets,—Wabash avenue, for instance, and particularly that portion north of Twenty-second street,—which are in a condition of complete decay that might have been avoided for some time to come under proper attention. The practice in Paris and many cities of Europe is to keep a man and a cart for a certain street, or section of it, and hold him responsible for its condition. It would be cheaper in the end, and certainly more comfortable all the time, if this practice were adopted in Chicago. Whenever the pavement, whether wooden or gravel, begins to give way in one place, it should be repaired immediately. Once started, complete ruin soon comes where nothing is done to avert it. A street-pavement can be preserved by timely repairing as well as a house, or a piece of furniture, or a pair of boots. This policy is adopted in every economical family, and the same reasons should suggest its adoption with reference to the public streets.

The *Nation* recently stated that it did not believe there was one case in fifty where the watering of railroad stocks was done unlawfully. We commend to it the exhibit made by the New York *Tribune* of the stock accounts of the Reading, the Delaware, the Lackawanna & Western, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Companies, which are chiefly engaged in the anthracite coal business. They were completed in 1864, and were, that year, bringing 10,000,000 of tons to market, while they now carry about 18,000,000. But, though their business is not quite doubled, their capital has been increased 120 per cent. The Delaware & Hudson Canal, the Lehigh Valley, and the Lackawanna & Western Railroads have multiplied their nominal investment by three. The capital stock of the four roads named has been increased from $43,000,000 in 1864 to $90,000,000 in 1872, and the debt from $17,000,000 in 1864 to $43,000,000 in 1872. The increase of business during the same time has been about 80 per cent, which would, perhaps, have warranted an increase of capital of 40 per cent, instead of which the nominal investment, ... with 10 per cent dividends are regularly declared, has been increased 120 per cent, or three times what it ought to be. "We suspect," says the *Tribune*, naively, "that the managers of these corporations think it looks better to distribute among the shareholders 10 per cent on twenty millions of nominal capital than 20 per cent on half the amount."

THE USES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The solicitude manifested by the Republican party for the present welfare and future prosperity of the Democratic party is very touching, to say the least. Since the inauguration of the new-party movement at Columbus, the Republicans have paid several visits of condolence to the invalid, and have entreated him still to keep up hope, with the assurance that he would be out in a few days as well as ever. Senator Morton was the first to express himself confidently that the Democratic party will not give up its organization, and repeat "the mistake of last fall." As the only mistake which the Democrats committed last fall was that of being beaten, and as they have been committing that mistake for many years past, it is to be presumed that they may take Senator Morton's view of the case, and allow him to indnce them to commit the same mistake once more. Ability to commit mistakes is the only kind of ability left in the concern. The Republican papers, following in the wake of Senator Morton, go further than the mere expression of belief that it will stick to its organization. Some of them are lavish in their advice and encouragement. They exhort the Democracy, by all its past memories and future hopes, to come up to the bull-ring once more. Past defeats are delicately alluded to as only temporary checks, and the disgrace of abandoning the field while a drop of blood flows, etc., etc., is painted in vivid colors.

Although the Democratic party has no further use for itself, and is incompetent for any political purposes of its own, the Republican party has uses for it, and here lies the secret of its tender and touching solicitude for its welfare. These uses are two in number. As long as the Republican party can keep its battered and groggy opponent on his feet—so battered that he cannot strike a blow or ward one off—so long can the Republican party knock him down and win the fight. The life of the Republican party is contingent upon the feeble remnant of life in the Democratic party. The moment the latter breathes its last, the former will expire also, or very soon after. The Siamese twins are not more vitally connected. Hence the otherwise curious interest which the pretended enemy of Democracy manifests for its health. The second use is for purposes of plunder. As long as the Republican party can involve the Democratic in its corruptions, it seals the mouth of the latter. Rotten with corruption itself, and fresh from the debaucheries of Tammany, the Democracy has proved itself a pliant tool, and debased enough to pick up even the crumbs which have fallen from the Republican table. When Oakes Ames commenced to place Credit Mobilier where it would do the most good, he was shrewd enough to begin with the Democrats, and there is nothing on the record to show that they were dissatisfied with the preference, although it was a mere pittance that was thrown to them. When the salary-grabbers commenced operations, the Democrats went in with an avidity all the sharper for their long abstinence from the flesh-pots. And so it has been all through the history of the last four years. The Fort Snelling swindle is the latest one on record, but it is not essentially different from the rest in the character of a "fair divide."

The eagerness of the Republican politicians to use the Democrats for purposes of political success and to cover up corruption, and the earnestness with which they are striving to prevent them from disbanding and to induce them to make straight-out party nominations, show that their pretended opposition to Democracy is but a sham and a delusion. The time is not so long past that our readers cannot remember when the Republican presses rang with vigorous denunciations of Democratic principles. It was but a short time ago that to be a Democrat was, in Republican estimation, the sum total of all villainies. Republican voters were abjured to work early and late, and to rally at the polls, as the triumph of Democracy would involve the ruin of the country. But now comes a new party into the field—a party made up of those who have become tired of the rascalities of both the old parties, and who propose to send both of them to kingdom come. Straightway, the once pretended Democratic enemy is discovered as a Republican ally against the new party. The veil is torn away, and the vaunted Republican opposition is shown to be a sham.

Just so long as the Democratic party retains its organization and goes into the field against the Republicans, it is sure to be defeated. If they were not grounded in folly and rooted in stupidity, it might be possible to convince them. The only argument, however, of any avail will be the constant repetition of the knock-down argument. The Democracy of Ohio, undeterred by the defeats of the past, have again staggered into the ring to receive their punishment in October; and it will come at that time, as it has come regularly in times past. However disastrous that defeat may be, it will occasion no regret from any respectable source.

It is not surprising that the Kellogg Government of Louisiana should develop frauds as rapidly as they can be chronicled. A few days ago, Kellogg authorized a speculation in State funds for the purpose of buying up Treasury warrants as cheaply as competition and the poverty of the people would admit. A few days prior to that, there was information of a huge gas monopoly, which Kellogg was controlling by virtue of the authority in Louisiana which enables the Governor to keep a bill in his pocket as long as it suits his convenience, and sign it when it suits his interest. Now there is information of a huge steal under Kellogg's sanction, by which 2,500 acres of land have been sold at 25 cents an acre as swamp-lands, which really include some of the most valuable suburban property in the neighborhood of New Orleans. This property is said to be worth several millions of dollars, and was sold by legislative enactment for $700 or $800. A Government like Kellogg's, which rests upon the support of United States troops, and has no obligation of responsibility beyond that of keeping itself in power in the same way which it attained power, cannot help but be corrupt. The temptation would be a great one for men inclined to be honest; the opportunity is ample for those who are troubled with no good intentions. In the meantime, there seems to be nothing for the people of Louisiana to do but to submit to systematic and voracious plundering.

THE RAILROAD LAW AND INTER-STATE COMMERCE.

A dispatch from Springfield says that the Railroad Commissioners disclaim the abridgment of inter-State commerce, or any attempt to abridge it, in their opinions on the operation of the new Railroad law. What the Commissioners decided, in their official construction of the law, was this: "The charges from a point west of the State to a point within the State must not be the same as or less than the charges from the west line of the State over the same road to the same point of destination; so the charges from a point within the State to a point east of the State must not be the same as or less than the charges from the same point of departure over the same road to the east line of the State; so, also, the charges from a point west of the State to a point east of the State must not be the same as or less than the charges over the same road from the west line to the east line of the State." These are the precise words of the Commissioners. If they mean anything, they mean that the charges on freight from outside the State to the inside, or from inside the State to the outside, or from one State to another, must be greater (since they cannot be the same nor less) than freight carried for the same distances within the State. If the Commissioners mean to say that this is not an attempt to regulate commerce among the States, then it is in order for them to rise and explain what inter-State commerce is.

The late decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company throws additional light on the limitation of State power with reference to inter-State commerce. The State of Pennsylvania passed a statute requiring the railroads to make returns of freight, and pay taxes on freight "carried over, through, and upon that portion of the their lines within this State, as if the whole of their respective lines were within this State." The same statute authorized the railroads to add the tax imposed under it to the tolls for carrying the freight. The Supreme Court declared this statute unconstitutional. The main question involved was whether this tax was levied upon the corporation or upon the freight carried between the States. It was held that it was a tax upon freight so carried, because it was added to the tolls charged for their transportation. The railroads could do this even if there were no express authorization for it in the statute. The burden of the tax, therefore, falls upon the freight transported, or the shipper or consignee living outside the State, and it becomes a restriction upon inter-State commerce imposed by one of the States. The Court decided transportation of freight to be a constituent of commerce. Any tax on inter-State transportation of freight is, therefore, a regulation of commerce among the States, the power to do which is vested exclusively in Congress. The Court compared the the restriction to the establishment of Custom-Houses on the border of all the States to demand a duty for allowing merchandise to enter or leave the State on a railroad or canal lying within the State boundaries. The fact that the tax was intended to raise money for the support of the State Government was decided to have nothing to do with the question, since the effect was to lay an embargo on inter-State trade. The right was fully conceded to every State to tax its own internal commerce, the franchises, property, and business of its own corporations, but it must be done in such a manner that inter-State intercourse, trade, or commerce shall not be embarrassed or restricted.

The application of this decision to the Railroad Commissioners' construction of the new Railroad law in this State is obvious. If a State may not restrict or embarrass in the slightest degree the commerce among the States even for the purpose of raising money for the support of its own Government, then, *a fortiori*, it may not embarrass or restrict inter-State commerce when it has nothing to gain in the way of State resources. In the Reading Railroad case, the Court made the two points that there was no constitutional limit to the amount of tax which each State might levy for its own purposes, and that every State would have the right to demand taxes on freight passing through it, if such a right were conceded to Pennsylvania. The exercise of such power on the part of all the States would soon disable the Western States from sending their products to market. This was probably one of the contingencies against which the constitutional provision for the regulation of inter-State commerce was intended to protect the people. But if this practical prohibition of inter-State commerce could be brought about through taxation, it could be more speedily and effectually secured through an arbitrary determination on the part of the several States to make the railroads charge more for freight coming from other States, or going to other States, than for the same distance within the State. The adoption of such a law in Indiana and Ohio would fence out Illinois from the market, as Illinois, through its Commissioners, has endeavored to fence out Iowa and Minnesota. Fortunately, the Constitution of the United States will not allow the States to cut each other's throats in this way.

The fact is that the Railroad Commissioners made a mistake in their interpretation of this part of the law. They will do well to formally withdraw the opinion they first gave, and thus deprive the railroads of all excuse for applying the *pro rata* feature to through freights. The railroads may carry freight for nothing from Iowa to New York, or from Winona to Chicago, or from Dixon to Buffalo, so far as the Illinois law or the Illinois Railroad Commissioners are concerned. Neither this State, nor any of its authorities, have the right to regulate or restrict the transportation of freight, which is a constituent of commerce, where the interests of any other State are involved.

Among the recent deaths of prominent men in Europe are those of Victor Euphemion Philarete Chasles and Sir David Solomons. The former was an eminent French author, who, at the early age of 15, was thrown into prison upon the charge of conspiring against the State. He was liberated upon the intercession of Chateaubriand and went to England, where he superintended the publication of Valpy's editions of Greek and Latin classics. In his 29th year he took the prize offered by the French Academy for the best essay on the history of the sixteenth century. In 1837, he was made Keeper of the Mazarin Library; in 1840, was made Doctor of Letters; and in 1841, was appointed Professor in the College of France. At the time of his death he was on the editorial staff of the *Journal des Debats*. Sir David Solomons, who died in London on the 18th ult., was the first Israelite ever elected to the English Parliament, as well as the first Sheriff and Justice of the Peace of the Hebrew race admitted to those offices in England. He has also been Lord Mayor of London, Sheriff of the city, and was elected Alderman three times. In 1869 he was created a Baronet of the United Kingdom. Among other writings, he was the author of works on "Corn Laws," "Banking," and "English and Foreign Railways."

ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

The dividing line between Nature and the Supernatural is in some places very obscure. A young gentleman of the name of J. R. Brown, a resident of Red Oak, Ia., aged 21 years, called at THE TRIBUNE office, yesterday, in company with ex-Senator Woodard, of this city, and a gentleman from Whiteside County. Mr. Brown was introduced as one possessing remarkable psychological powers, of which the assembled editors were invited to make a test. We were informed that, if any person would go to another part of the building and deposit any article whatsoever in a secret place, Mr. Brown, being blindfolded, would take the person by the hand and lead him directly to the place, the only condition being that the person depositing the article should keep his mind intently fixed upon it. One of the gentlemen of THE TRIBUNE thereupon went into an adjoining room, closed the door, and placed a coin inside a volume of the Poland Credit Mobilier report, and covered this volume with several other books. Returning, Mr. Brown, having a handkerchief tightly bound over his eyes, took this gentleman by the left hand, held the hand for a moment against his own (Mr. B.'s) head, and then walked against the door of the adjoining room. The door being opened, he marched against one of the glass doors of a bookcase having a dozen or more similar openings. This door being opened, he placed the hand of the gentleman, who had secreted the coin, on the Poland Credit Mobilier report, and said, "There it is." He did not claim to know *what* the thing was, but he knew where the place was.

Several experiments similar to the foregoing were tried, with the invariable result that Mr. Brown, by placing the hand of the experimenter on his own forehead, was enabled to walk directly to the place where the object had been placed. It was also ascertained that if a person should merely fix his thoughts on any object in the building, Mr. Brown would go directly to it, having first placed the person's hand on his own head. The only explanation Mr. B. can give of his own powers is, that, when the hand is placed on his head, he sees a light leading to the object of which that person is thinking. He does not pretend to read anybody's thoughts in any other way than this.

It is fortunate that Mr. Brown was born in the nineteenth century instead of the seventeenth, else he would have been burned for a witch. As it is probable that he will give some public exhibitions of his powers, we turn him over to the "scientists." That there is no humbug in his case, we are fully persuaded. The experiments to which he submitted in the office of THE TRIBUNE, in the presence of half a dozen extremely skeptical experimenters, seem to prove the existence of a physico-psychologic force, to which the name of "animal magnetism" is most commonly applied. The existence of such a force has long been suspected, but the conditions of its operation are so rare, and the means of verifying the testimony concerning it are so unsystematized, that it has no scientific basis or recognition whatever. As a starting point for some well-authenticated information upon the subject, we suggest that the medical profession of Chicago appoint a committee, whose testimony would be universally accepted, to hold a "seance" with Mr. Brown, and report the facts.

BRIGHAM'S DIVORCE SUIT.

The papers of the country have generally treated the divorce suit of the seventeenth wife of Brigham Young as a notable joke. But there is another side to it, which should cause it to be treated with becoming gravity. By the usages of civilized society and by the laws of the land, there is no ground for a divorce suit at all. Every marriage of Brigham Young and his followers, after the first, is a legal sham, having no binding force whatever, and is void and worthless. All pretended wives after the first are simply concubines. Neither they nor their children can, without a will, legally share in the property of their nominal husbands. We should not be surprised if it should turn out that this suit was instituted by the procuring or the connivance of Brigham himself, in order to get the Courts, by affirming the rights of the woman to a divorce as a legally-married wife, to virtually recognize the whole system of polygamy. The Court should dismiss the cause forthwith for want of a just basis for litigation, and allow a remedy to the woman in an action for wages as a house-servant. The influence of such a decision upon Brigham's "numerous family," and those of his friends, would be productive of salutary results. These "plural wives" have been led to believe that they and their children have a lawful claim to an equitable share in their husband's property. Make them understand how baseless such a claim is, and one of the strongest inducements for women to submit to this iniquitous system will be removed. Few women are entirely above the allurements of great wealth, and when the promise of a higher seat in Heaven as a reward for being the twentieth wife of Brigham or some one of his humbug apostles is added, an ignorant woman at Salt Lake has severe temptations to accept the situation rather than to become the lawful wife of some honest toiler for his daily bread. By throwing this case out of court, most of the unhealthy glamour that surrounds polygamy would be exposed, and the common sense of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of women would return to them.

It is a wonder that this property question, in regard to the estates of persons dying without a will, has not come before the United States Courts for adjustment. Perhaps the Mormons have all been careful to have their wills made. Without a will, there cannot be a particle of doubt that the Courts would give all the property to the children of the first wife. As a great majority of the leading Mormons are more than 50 years old, most of the large estates in Utah must change hands within the next fifteen or twenty years. Brigham's is by far the largest, and as he is now 72, he must pass away before many years. It would be hard on his harem should he happen to die intestate; but it would be well for his deluded followers if the Courts should give his vast property to the children of the first Mrs. Young, as they would be compelled to do. That would be a severe blow to polygamy.

The San Francisco correspondent of the *Graphic* draws a frightful picture of the ravages of leprosy among the Chinese residents of that city. There are over 200 of these pitiable creatures known to be in the city, and probably many more, as the Chinese are sly, and know better than to expose a fact which would drive them out of the country. The result is that they isolate their lepers as much as possible, and pay their physicians to testify that the dead man died from some other cause. The argument that the disease is not contagious because it does not spread among the white people is proved to be fallacious in San Francisco as it has been proved in every other place. Two or three white people have already died of leprosy in the city hospitals, among them Judge Asher Bates, a man who held the highest place in the esteem of his citizens. Here is a question connected with Chinese immigration of a serious nature, which must sooner or later be dealt with.

The Signal Service Bureau proposes to extend its usefulness in Chicago by providing for the display of storm signals at the crib, two miles from shore, for the information of vessels that are out on the lake. In order to effect this it will be necessary to lay a telegraphic cable to connect the crib with the land, and this can best be laid in the new tunnel. The co-operation of the city authorities will probably be requested to-day.

NOTES AND OPINION.

The Dubuque *Herald* has a correspondent at DesMoines who says:

From every part of the State comes the news of Anti-Monopoly County Conventions, held or to be held, and of delegates appointed to represent the counties in the coming State Convention. And as the time approaches the politicians begin to realize the magnitude of the movement, and to wonder what effect it will have upon political affairs in this State. . . . A rumor has been circulated here to the effect that the Democratic State Central Committee would soon issue a call for a State Convention. From what I can learn, all the Democratic leaders in the State are of the opinion that the Grantites would be delighted if this were done.

—Gov. Carpenter, a subservient tool of the railroad ring in the campaign of two years ago, but now a very ardent wooer of the Grangers, will have no difficulty, we think, in understanding that, hereaway, his honeyfugling will not pay interest on first cost. He comes before the people as a "*politician and gentleman*," and for all such the meeting at Franklin declares it has no sort of use whatever.—*Keokuk Constitution.*

—"Do not desert the Republican party!" is the machine appeal to the farmers of the West. In other words, stick to Colfax, Bingham, Garfield, Pomeroy, Harlan, Ben Butler, and the host of Congressmen who have grabbed $5,000 from the public treasury, and are now receiving $625 a month for doing nothing. Those are the lights and leaders of the Republican party in the West. Those are the men whom the honest community is asked not to desert.—*Milwaukee News.*

—We have no excuse to offer for Democrats in Congress who voted for Gen. Butler's salary bill and were pecuniarly benefited by its passage; nor for any who condemn their action as unequivocally as the Springfield *Republican* can, and hope their constituents will hold them to strict account for their conduct. No Massachusetts Representative has returned his "grab."—*Boston Post.*

—That there will be a bolt, if Gen. B. succeeds in grabbing the nomination, may be set down as a fixed fact. We wish we were half as sure of the General's bolting in case the boot turns out to be upon the other leg; in case the agitated respectabilities make shift to head him off in the State Convention. There are a good many Republican voters scattered around over the hills and valleys of the old Commonwealth who are not supporting that style of "regular nomination" at present as much as they were. They have made up their minds that they won't vote for Benjamin F. Butler this year, "no how you can fix it," *and they won't.*—*Springfield Republican.*

—Although we have been disparagingly spoken of for denouncing those Congressmen who, elected by the Republican party, proved false to their trust in raiding as they did upon the Treasury, we believe that those who sided with more honest and wiser Republicans than the men who denounced us for exposing official corruption, because the party may be damaged thereby. It would seem that any man with an average share of brains and moral perception might see this, and yet the old notion that men in the party are to be defended at all hazards and in their crimes concealed, strange to maintain its hold on people who are sensible enough on other matters. Men who would kick those in their employ into the street, and leave them with characters blasted for life, for stealing ten dollars, will consent to shield from punishment and maintain in office officials who have plundered the Government of thousands of dollars, as these Congressmen have just done. Indeed, the distrust in the political soundness of any man in the party who insists on keeping such men out of office.—*South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.*

—It will not be denied by any candid man that the tyranny of party is one of the most alarming outgrowths of our form of government. The convention and the caucus are the abuses of political liberty. If a Republican dare assert his honest judgment in a direction contrary to that pointed out by the caucus, he is at once denominated a "scorehead;" some corrupt machine must be assigned for his conduct. The true party man has no mind of his own; his course is governed by a majority of the caucus. No matter if he dislikes the candidates, he must support them or be disloyal to his party. His personal judgment must be submitted to the bummers who get control of the caucus; and it is notorious that caucuses are generally controlled by loud-mouthed, gabby fellows,—idle-minded, super-loyal dead-beats. . . . We fondly hope that the time has come when party will have no undue influence upon a man's suffrage.—*Danville (Ill.) Times.*

—Why, then, should men who think alike be divided in their efforts to reach a common point and to secure the same end? Shall the prejudice of a name or of companionship in arms create a barrier and a division between the forces?—*Peoria Democrat.*

—Ramsey's sham Democratic organ, the St. Paul *Pioneer*, excuses the Fort Snelling swindle on the ground that if the sharks had invested their money in St. Paul or Minneapolis they would have made more than by robbing the Government. We incline to doubt the *Pioneer's* assertion. Steele's investment was only $30,000, and for that amount he has got 6,300 acres of land, worth more than $400,000, besides the rents he has collected and the ferry profits, which together are estimated as high as $300,000. If a more profitable investment of $30,000 was ever made in this neighborhood, we would like to hear of it. The *Pioneer's* excuse may, however, be reasonable, on the ground that "cheating never prospers," and there is now a possibility that Steele will be made to disgorge his ill-gotten gains.—*St. Paul Dispatch.*

—In their endeavors to punish the people the railroad managers find that their roads are the losers, and in their attempt to create a feeling in favor of a repeal of the law they have overreached themselves. The more extortion practiced by the roads the more determined will the people become in their purpose to regulate the tariff by law, and to this they will come in time, if the present course is persisted in. There is no reason why the Illinois Central should not carry grain to Chicago for 5 or 6 cents a bushel, except a stubborn will to enforce a high tariff, or not to do any business, forcing the Illinois Central does not get any grain.—*Champaign (Ill.) Gazette.*

—A Canadian paper repeats the following anecdote with great unction: Five years ago a gentleman in the United States (as gentlemen frequently do in that and other countries) got up a railroad speculation, for which it was thought necessary that there should be a Government subvention. The affair was duly submitted to Congress, and an engineer of high character, who was without a cent, was appointed on the part of the Government to report on the scheme. This scientific man visited the country, returned, and was one day sitting in his hotel, with a friend lying on the sofa, when one of the railway promoters entered and addressed the engineer in a low whisper. Speak out, said the engineer. Accordingly, after ascertaining that the other party present was a friend, he said in a loud voice: "Mr. Smith, if you will fix that report to suit us, we will give you $20,000 of the stock." "Mr. Jones," was the reply, "when you want to bribe an honest man—an honest man, mind you—come right down with your spondulics; darn your stock!"

—It must be evident to every thoughtful man that the Democratic party will not be disbanded, nor will it die. It is believed, by 3,000,000 of men to-day, that on this party depends the very existence of free government on this continent, to say nothing of the necessity of its existence to free the nation from the evils all acknowledge to exist. It is not mere party pride and pluck, not mere bull-headed stubbornness that holds the Democratic party together and has held it together amid disaster and defeat, but a deep, honest, and all-pervading conviction that its principles are sound. These principles are held as an inheritance, loved as the truth, and defended with religious fervor. They are a part of the make-up of men, and can no more be given up than any other conviction can be torn out of the character and trampled under foot.—*Grand Rapids Democrat.*

The late John Stuart Mill is said to have declared that "there *may* be a place in the universe where two and two make five." It might not be wholly unprofitable for those Ohio Democrats who boast so much about the 250,000 Democratic strength of that State, and those other Democrats in and out of Ohio who so fondly contemplate the 3,000,000 Democratic strength of the Union, to organize an exploring expedition for the discovery of that happy land, and make it their future residence. The mathematical difficulties which environ the task of making a Democratic vote of 250,000 in Ohio out-number a Republican vote of 265,000, and of making a national Democratic vote of 3,000,000 exceed a national Republican vote of 3,000,000 would not exist there, and the thing might be done.—*St. Louis Republican.*

We regard it as certain that the Democratic party will never be restored to the possession of the General Government. So long as it presents itself as the only alternative to the Republican party, the Republicans will carry the important elections—as they ought to do, and so far as we are concerned we will help them do just that thing. Now we do not often assume to speak in a representative capacity, but we are conscious that our sentiments on this subject are those of a vast number of our most intelligent, independent and public-spirited fellow citizens.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT.

Farmers' Picnic at Arnesville—Address by Mr. Smith, of Kewanee.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Aug. 6.—The Farmers' Picnic at Arnesville, on the line of Cass and Morgan Counties, to-day, was attended by about 1,000 farmers, and their wives and daughters. After a general social interchange of refreshments, Mr. M. Smith, of Kewanee, took the stand at 1:30 p. m., and for two hours addressed the assemblage, in a plain, straightforward and telling speech. He told the farmers some homely truths, and all went home with some new ideas. The assemblage was very respectful and earnest in their attention to the speaker. A very strong Grange is organized at Arnesville. It should be mentioned that the meeting was opened and closed with vocal music and organ accompaniment, by a choir of young gentlemen and ladies who live in the vicinity of Arnesville.

The August term of the Morgan Circuit Court is now in session, Judge Cyrus Epler presiding. This week is devoted chiefly to criminal cases, but none of importance are on trial.

WEATHER AND WATER.

War Department Weather Report.

LOCAL OBSERVATION.
CHICAGO, Aug. 6, 1873.

Hour of observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction and force of wind.	Rain in inches.	Weather.
6:53 a. m.	30.17	68	69	S. W., gentle.	....	Fair.
11:18 a. m.	30.09	78	50	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
*2:00 p. m.	30.04	82	43	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
3:33 p. m.	30.00	83	43	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
9:00 p. m.	29.96	74	63	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
10:18 p. m.	29.96	74	63	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.

Maximum thermometer, 83.
Minimum thermometer, 60.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
CHICAGO, Aug. 6—10:18 p. m.

Station.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Breckenridge	29.96	79	Calm.	.01	Clear.
Buffalo	29.96	73	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
Cairo	30.07	77	S. W., light.	....	Cloudy.
Cheyenne	30.14	71	S. E., gentle.	....	Fair.
Chicago	29.98	74	S. W., fresh.	....	Fair.
Cincinnati	30.09	76	S. E., light.	....	Clear.
Cleveland	30.01	73	S., fresh.	....	Clear.
Denver	30.14	71	S. E., fresh.	....	Cloudy.
Detroit	30.01	72	W., fresh.	....	Fair.
Duluth	29.90	73	W., fresh.	.47	Clear.
Escanaba	29.90	67	N. W., gentle.	....	Clear.
Keokuk	29.96	76	S., fresh.	....	Clear.
LaCrosse	29.96	74	N., light.	....	Cloudy.
Marquette	29.92	61	Calm.	....	Clear.
Milwaukee	29.86	76	S. W., fresh.	.04	Fair.
Omaha	29.88	81	S. W., fresh.	.05	Threat'ning
St. Paul	29.92	72	N., light.	1.22	Clear.

THE NEW WATER TUNNEL.

Synopsis of Work Done During the Month of July.

A Shaft Located Yesterday on Wells Street, Between Randolph and Lake.

Proposition to Establish a Storm-Signal Station at the New Crib.

The public are watching with interest all that concerns the new enterprise which is to furnish drinking water for the southwestern portion of this great city, and every new item connected with it is doubtless received with pleasure. Less than a week ago THE TRIBUNE narrated the circumstances attending the laying of the first corner stone of the new city crib, and in connection therewith gave a detailed account of the accident which occurred in the new shaft which is to meet the second tunnel, and the measures which were made necessary to repair the damage done. Since that time an expert diver has been employed by the city, at immense risk, to examine the leak, and his investigations having shown the exact nature of the injury, it was repaired in a short time. The shaft is now free from water, and the engineer is ready to commence drifting southward. At this point the junction will be made.

The contractors of the new tunnel, Messrs. Steele, McMahon & Steele, are

MAKING GOOD TIME,

as the following synopsis of the work done during the month of July will show. The brick shaft at the crib has been constructed to a depth of 86 feet, at a cost of $4,600; 853½ lineal feet of brick have been laid in the tunnel, making a total of 3,310 lineal feet up to July 31; 40 cubic yards of granite masonry have been laid at the crib, at a cost of $3,240; 200 feet of concrete at $1.40, and 600 yards of the old crib have been taken down, at $1,200, making a total at the crib of $5,840.

Mr. Bryson's (the engineer) report shows 155,620 brick have been laid in the tunnel, in 260 barrels of cement and the same of sand; 320 feet each of air and water pipe have been laid, and 720 feet of iron rail, with 5,400 feet of lumber. There have been consumed 25 tons of coal and 60 gallons of oil. The number of men employed altogether to do this work was 44, not including two mules.

A large amount of

WATER-DAMP

escaped from a sand deposit at 2,826 feet east of the shaft, preventing the prosecution of the work for four successive days. From 2,842 to 2,873 feet the whole excavation was in sand and gravel, very dry, necessitating sections of 8 feet only at a time. The average amount previously and since was 16 feet at a time.

Work has been prosecuted upon

THE EIGHT SHAFT,

at Illinois street, with great vigor, and Mr. Bryson expressed himself greatly pleased with the contractors, Messrs. Cox Bros. The shaft is now twenty-four feet deep, and is in wet clay at present. The workmen average seven feet a day, including timbering. The shaft is under the supervision of Mr. McHugh. In about ten days, if everything goes well, the shaft will be completed, and the tunnel will be drifted in both directions, northeast and southwest.

A reporter accompanied Mr. Bryson and Mr. Thomas Osborne on their travels yesterday morning, their duty being to locate

THE NEXT SHAFT.

The line of direction required a shaft on Wells street, between Lake and Randolph streets, or on Randolph, between Wells and Franklin. After considerable deliberation a spot was selected on Wells street, between Randolph and Lake streets, almost at the alley, and on the east side of the street.

The system of

WEATHER SIGNALS,

established by the Federal Government two years ago last November, has thus far proved an almost unqualified success. Beginning with an average of over 50 per cent of accuracy in its storm-warnings, it has now reached an average of fully 90 per cent. That is, four out of every five of the storm warnings are verified by the arrival of a storm within five or six hours of the time of the warning. It is well known that the Bureau has extended the list of stations greatly since the commencement, the number being now really double that represented by the average daily reports received. The Bureau now proposes to make an important extension to its system of storm-warnings in the neighborhood of Chicago, if the co-operation of the city authorities can be obtained. It is proposed to extend the signals not only in this city, but also about two miles from shore, for the benefit of Captains of vessels on the lake. In order to do this it would be necessary to lay a cable from the shore to the crib, by which orders could be convey to the keeper of that important island to hoist storm-signals to be seen from a great distance. There is no doubt that it would be much better in every way to lay that cable inside the new tunnel than to expose it to the dangers incident to a position upon the bed of the lake, where it would be liable to disturbance from passing vessels. It is understood that the Board of Public Works will be waited on to-day for the purpose of ascertaining how much they are willing to recommend the city should do in the matter. The Bureau does not think it its duty to recommend to the Government the assumption of the cost of laying the cable between the shore and the crib, but would probably be willing to undertake the expense of transmitting signals if the cable was laid by others. There can scarcely be any question of the advisability of the undertaking. The advantage to our marine would be almost incalculable. It is well known that the greatest danger to our lake marine lies in the effort to make the port of Chicago on a lee shore. In other words, it is much safer to go out than to go in. Inasmuch as it is often comparatively tranquil a few miles away from shore than the entrance to the harbor is stormy, the mariner would receive his first intimation of danger at the crib. We may add that, if the city should not feel disposed to assume the expense, then it would amply repay the outlay of a large amount of money on the part of our marine insurance companies and the owners of lake craft who would be most benefited by the consummation of the scheme.

PERSONAL.

Col. J. N. Macomb, U. S. A., is at the Gardner.

Capt. H. H. Andrews, U. S. A., is at the Cornwall.

The Hon. J. L. Harney, of St. Louis, is at the Gardner.

Gen. F. L. Bullwell, of Indianapolis, is at the Sherman.

Dr. M. G. Bragdon, of Evanston, has returned from Europe.

F. E. Griswold, of Connecticut, is at the Grand Pacific.

J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, Ont., is at the Grand Pacific.

The Hon. P. Balkley is registered at the West Side Briggs House.

Col. M. B. Jones, of Virden, Ill., is at the West Side Briggs House.

The Hon. E. A. Warfield, of Boston, was at the Sherman yesterday.

N. Theodore Canisius, of Aurora, was at the Grand Pacific yesterday.

The Rev. Henry Belden, of New York, is at the West Side Briggs House.

The Hon. D. L. Crittendon, of Rochester, N. Y., was at the Sherman yesterday.

T. H. Hough and W. H. Pease, of Barnum's Union Fair, are at the Commercial.

Carl Schulz, of Vienna, is in the city, and is staying at the West Side Briggs House.

Gen. A. King, of Erie, left the West Side Briggs House last evening for the North.

Hugo A. Ives, Cashier of the Union National Bank, returned from an extended visit to the East.

John G. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Illinois Central Railway, is at the Commercial Hotel.

J. A. Cook, General Freight Agent of the Joliet & Jacksonville Railway, is at the Grand Pacific.

W. H. Thiessen, of Portland, Oregon, formerly Engineer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, is at the Grand Pacific.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, and the Rev. Father Riordan, pastor of St. James' Church, have gone to Mackinac for a brief rest from their spiritual labors.

General Superintendent Harris, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, will deliver an address at the McDonough County Fair, to be held at Macomb in the early part of September.

The Hon. A. L. Morrison considers that injustice was done him in the article on local politics in yesterday's TRIBUNE. No reflection whatever was intended upon his excellent character, whether as a public or a private citizen.

The following were at Anderson's European Hotel yesterday: D. Weatherly and wife, Toronto; P. W. Robinson and wife, West Point; D. S. Simmon, Detroit; Ed. Moll, New York; W. Young, Milwaukee; L. Farlin, Jamestown, N. Y.

The following were at the Grand Pacific yesterday: A. J. Caton, Ottawa; H. B. Loomis, Buffalo; H. Bradford, New York; W. A. Fox, Buffalo; J. C. Harper, Fond Du Lac; G. D. Hayward, Elyria, Ohio; J. S. Slayton, Manitowoc.

J. Weatherly and wife, Toronto; Charles W. Robinson and wife, West Point, Neb.; D. S. Simonson, Detroit; Edward Moll, New York; William Young, Milwaukee; L. Farling, Jamestown, N. Y.; W. J. Gilchrist, McGregor, Iowa, are at Anderson's.

John C. Jacobs, James Rosebrough, Amboy; H. C. Cady, New York; J. C. Baker, St. Louis; C. N. Messer, Allentown; J. A. Montelius and wife, Piper City; C. B. Frank and wife, Peoria; J. France, Albert Lea, Minn., are at the Commercial Hotel.

Benjamin O'Fallon and family, St. Louis; the Hon. L. Olmstead, St. Louis; John Lummer, St. Paul; S. W. Phelps, Covington; M. Schide, New York; J. H. Labold, Cincinnati; George C. Raymond, Oswego, N. Y.; E. H. Layman, Indiana; J. H. Jones, Cairo; Jas. Hanson, Philadelphia; M. Tobias, Boston; F. Aldridge, C. M. & St. P. Railway; P. O. Field, St. Paul, and W. D. Bollins, New Orleans, were among yesterday's arrivals at the West Side Briggs.

The following were among the prominent arrivals at the Sherman yesterday: W. Cutler, New York; W. Cochran, Newark; G. Young, Baltimore; S. A. Sabin, St. Paul; D. Leahy, New York; M. E. Jenkins, Dresden; W. B. Lincoln, Pittsburgh; J. B. Emery, Memphis; W. H. Green, Providence; W. A. Hunter, Fort Dodge; C. C. Marion, St. Paul; J. Smith, Philadelphia; John Nicholson, Liverpool, England; Dr. H. Page, St. Louis.

Chicagoans were visiting the principal cities of Europe, in July, as follows: Paris—Dr. J. Adams Allen, H. C. Ayer and family, Mrs. U. Balcomb, O. J. and Miss Bliss, C. T. Boal and wife, Prof. James R. and the Misses Boise, John T. Corcoran, D. F. Crily, James Garrity, B. B. Goodyear and family, W. C. D. Grannis, Dr. L. P. Hamline, Mrs. W. H. Holden, Miss J. Jackson, A. B. Mason and wife, Mrs. L. V. and Miss Parsons, L. Rothgerber and family, Martin Ryerson and family, John G. Shortall and family, Mrs. H. M. Singer, Mrs. G. G. Smith, N. B. Stevens, Miss H. M. Swift, N. Thomasson and wife, Mrs. J. M. Walker and family, Mrs. S. A. Whitman, W. M. Zearino. London—F. Chamberlain, J. O. McKay, Mrs. S. F. and Miss Parsons, F. B. Perry, Henry and Mrs. Wood.

Jesse Hoyt pays $21,000, or just one-tenth of the tax of East Saginaw, Mich.

J. M. Bingham, of Chippewa Falls, who was Speaker in the Wisconsin Legislature of 1870, is one of those now named among Republicans for Lieutenant-Governor.

The Rev. William H. Fults, rector of the North Cambridge (Mass.) Episcopal Church, has been dismissed from his charge for most indecent conduct with a young lad.

Capt. H. T. Johns has been elected Secretary of the St. Paul (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce, vice Ossian E. Dodge, and it will now be seen if St. Paul can get on without that Dodge.

It is reported that Thomas D. Colt, a prominent citizen and wealthy paper-maker of Pittsfield, Mass., and a brother of Judge Colt, of the Supreme Bench, has failed for a half million dollars.

Robert Harris, General Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, will deliver an agricultural address at the McDonough County Fair, at Macomb, Ill., the 4th of September.

The Rev. Thomas T. Waterman, D. D., died, Aug. 2, aged 73, at the residence of his daughter, in Stratford, Ct. His pastoral labors in the Congregational Church began, in 1826, at Providence, R. I., and included some years at Galena, Ill., and Winona, Minn.

S. Colfax, C. M., at a missionary meeting held in the Methodist church at Winona, Minn., last Sunday morning, delivered an address, in which he drew a wide contrast between heathen and Christian lands, and advocated the duty of liberal giving.

L. A. Torrens, a well known Bangor musician, it is reported, has instituted a suit against Mr. Barry, of Boston, for $10,000 damages, on account of certain testimony in relation to Mrs. Barry and Mr. Torrens, brought out in the late Barry divorce case.

Senator Sumner was at the Coolidge House on Saturday, where he received quite a number of calls from his friends. He is looking very well, and says that he has not been in so good health as he is now for three or four years. He will be in the city occasionally for several weeks to come.—*Boston Journal.*

Dr. Nathan Allen, of Lowell, Mass., upon whom Amherst has conferred the degree of LL. D., gained that distinction by his diligent original researches concerning the decrease of descendants of the old New England stock in the New England States, and the laws of health and disease as affected by hereditary influences.

Thomas L. Lamb, who left Norwich, Ct., only eighteen months ago, and has been the confidential clerk of Lord & Taylor, at New York, is found to have stolen $6,000 worth of goods which he sold to pawnbrokers for one-tenth of their value. He confesses that, to maintain his relations with the fast women into whose hands he had fallen, he had pawned his own shirts.

Cora L. V. Hatch-Scott-Danmals-Tappan, the well known spiritualist and matrimonialist, has furnished another item. According to report, she has now left her latest unhappy husband, Tappan and eloped with one Emmet Densmore from Shamburg, Penn. The pair are said to be en route to Europe. Densmore left a wife, three children, and numerous creditors, and Mrs. Tappan provided the funds (about $2,000) for the new enterprise.—*Rochester (N. Y.) Union.*

The lately deceased Robert S. Chew, Chief Clerk of the Department of State, at Washington, was born near Fredericksburg, Va., 1812, graduated at West Point, and, disliking military life, was appointed a clerk in the State Department, by Secretary John Forsyth, in 1834. He was many years at the head of the second consular division, and, seven years since, succeeded William Hunter as Chief Clerk, by appointment of Secretary Seward.

It is announced that Judge Charles Sherman, of Cleveland, brother of Senator Sherman, who was disgracefully mixed up with Congressional legislation, will resign previous to the meeting of Congress. The resignation will be extorted by the fear of impeachment. If Judge Sherman had not been destitute of the instincts of a gentleman, he would have promptly resigned when he received the merited rebuke of the entire Cleveland Bar. His sense of propriety must be exceedingly obtuse.—*Pittsburgh Evening Telegraph.*

AMUSEMENTS.

THE NORMAL INSTITUTE CONCERT.

The first concert of the National Normal Musical Institute, under the direction of Mr. Carl Zerrahn, of Boston, takes place this evening at the University Place Baptist Church, with the following superb programme:

PART I.

The Forty-second Psalm.....Mendelssohn.

PART II.

1. Andante and Scherzo.....Rubinstein.
2. Sweet and low } .....Barnby.
   Song of the Lark }
3. Quartette and Chorus, "Jubilate".....Beethoven.
4. "Farewell to the Forest".....Mendelssohn.
5. Violin solo, "Nel cor più".....Paganini.
   Mr. Williams Lewis.
6. Glee, "The Rustic Festival".....Offenbach.

The concert given on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Hinsdale Baptist Church would seem to have been a remarkable performance, judging from the exhaustive and flattering criticism upon it which has been sent to this office. It was highly successful in point of attendance, at any rate, and therefore the object for which it was gotten up was attained.

The season at McVicker's Theatre will be opened this evening, when Boucicault's sparkling comedy "The West End; or the Irish Heiress," will be given with the latest additions to Mr. McVicker's company in the leading roles. The cast is a very strong one, and the second opening will probably equal the first.

—A little girl was standing in the wheat-field, and was not seen by the driver of the reaper until her body was taken on the platform of the machine with both legs cut off.—*Lafayette County (Wis.) Democrat.*

SQUATTERS DISPERSED.

Demolition of Squatters' Houses—A Man Assists in Destroying His Own House.

Deputy Sheriff Ayres, three assistants, and a posse of workmen demolished four houses yesterday in that part of Hyde Park known as the Dobbins tract, formerly owned by the Illinois Central Railroad Company. It had been occupied by a company of squatters for some years past. Some of them accepted the proffer of $100 aid offered by the Company, and moved out in the spring. Others refused to go, alleging that their long residence gave them a right to the land; hence the necessity of their forcible ejection. The houses pulled down had been occupied by Thomas O'Brien, Michael Sanders, James Burke, and John Godfrey. Sanders was absent at the time, having been sent to the County Jail on a charge of stealing sand. O'Brien was confined in the village jail on a charge of drunkenness. His place has been long known as a resort for low characters. Burke was home at the time, and voluntarily assisted in the demolition of his own house. He had been warned so often he did not believe until that time that the trouble would come. There is still one house left standing in the squatters' district. It is a large two-story frame house, occupied by James Purcell and Mrs. Winne McCarty. Purcell promises to take it down soon. If he does not, it will have to be forcibly removed also.

SUICIDE.

An Aged German Seeks Death by the Halter.

An aged German, after several years' firm fealty to King Gambrinus, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn in the rear of his residence, No. 774 South Halsted street, at 7 o'clock last evening. His lifeless body was discovered by his wife. For several days past he has been laboring under a fit of delirium tremens, and has twice attempted to take his life. He will be missed only as an object of pity. He was 60 years of age, and leaves a wife and a married daughter.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The Roman Catholic Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society will picnic for the fourteenth time in fourteen years at River Forest Grove to-morrow.

Tickets for the picnic to be held for the benefit of the Mulligan monument fund can be procured from Mr. John J. Healey, at the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

During last week 676 persons availed themselves of the privilege afforded them by the managers of the Young Men's Christian Association depot reading-room.

The Coroner yesterday held an inquest on the body of Michael Halley, who died from injuries received at the North Chicago Rolling-Mills. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

The Christian Union Lyceum courts trouble by resolving to debate this evening the following subject: "That the study of German should be made compulsory in the public schools."

Box 126 sent in an alarm about 4 o'clock yesterday for a fire in a frame house No. 40 Kinzie street. The damage was nominal. The fire was started by sparks from a passing locomotive.

News was received yesterday morning of the sinking of the schooner A. Rust, of this city, near Alpena. It is thought she can be got afloat without much difficulty. Lumber was her cargo.

Coroner Stephenis held an inquest yesterday on the body of William Gank, who was killed by the falling of an elevator at the Singer Manufacturing Co.'s rooms, No. 111 State street. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

A little child 2½ years old, named James O'Kain, fell into a tub of boiling water last Monday, and died yesterday from the scalds it received. The Coroner held an inquest yesterday, at which a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

The alarm of fire from Box 191, at half-past 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was occasioned by the discovery of flames in a two-story frame building, No. 294 Mohawk street, owned by Frank Snider. Damage to building, $300; insured in the North Missouri for $1,200.

Information reached the city yesterday that the large lumber firms of Earl A Case and Case, Klum & Co., of Grand Haven, Mich., have suspended payment. No further particulars have as yet been received, but it is asserted that the assets will nearly cover all liabilities.

Mr. Clark, of the Sewerage Department of the Public Works, has prepared a voluminous schedule to guide the Board in the laying of sewers during the current year. This report has yet to be considered by the Board, and will doubtless be subjected to much emendation before it is adopted.

John Nelson, a peddler who can furnish every essence but that of honesty, is alleged to have stolen $75 worth of goods from a man in Lake View named Frederick Kenyback. He was arrested while proceeding hastily in the direction of Milwaukee, and was held for trial in bail of $500 yesterday. Justice Tenbruck fixed the bond.

The alarm of fire from box 292 at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon was occasioned by the discovery of flames in a closet at No. 452 West Washington street, a three-story brick building, occupied as a boarding-house by Mrs. Maltiby, and owned by W. W. Smith. The building and contents were damaged to the extent of $1,800; fully insured.

A collision occurred on West Randolph street, yesterday afternoon, between street-car No. 47 and a buggy containing a lady and gentleman and a little girl. The occupants were thrown out and an axle of the buggy broken. No one was injured. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on his strictures on the street-car driver, but the witnesses of the affair seemed to agree that the latter was not in fault.

The first week at work in the Newsboys' Home produced the following gratifying results: Number of meals paid for, 308; lodgings paid for, 182. Received from the boys, $24.50. Four boys were discharged for bad conduct, and two went to situations. The boys' "savings bank" is quite popular and well patronized, every boy in the Home being a depositor. The "hard-up" applicants for meals and lodgings during the week number 24. None are sent off hungry.

There are now but forty-seven persons confined in the County Jail, being the smallest number of inmates during two years. The average number is not far from 100. That crime in this city has been decreasing for some time is evident to any one who frequents places where criminals are brought to when arrested. How much the Sunday Liquor law and the 11 o'clock ordinance as enforced by Mr. Washburn has to do with it is a matter of dispute, but certain it is that there is a decrease of crime.

The alarm of fire from Box 326 at half-past 8 o'clock last evening was occasioned by the discovery of flames on the roof of a cottage house, No. 461 West Van Buren street, the residence of T. J. Carseno. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue. The house and most of its contents were entirely destroyed. A Mrs. Dorsey was the owner of the cottage, which was valued at $1,000. She held no insurance. Mr. Carseno had $1,000 in the Trader's, of Chicago, upon his furniture.

Detective Joe Dixon, the acting Chief of Detectives at the City Hall, yesterday instituted a general raid upon bunko men. Detectives Tyrrell, Simons, Elliott, and Simmons were detailed for the duty. They sallied forth about noon, and by ten-time had staged at the Central Station the following persons: James Bennett, Max Christopher, Thomas Perkins, James Pet, Charles Foster alias Charles Cutter, F. K. Edwards alias Frank Searls, W. T. Porter, and Henry Homans. They were booked as vagrants. Justice Banyon will decide upon the nature of their occupations this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, a portion of the brick cornice in the rear of the new express building, on Monroe street, between Dearborn and State streets, gave way, and came down with a crash, falling upon a pile of lumber on which a number of carpenters were at work. One of the carpenters, Mr. Robert Fullerton, was struck by a brick on the arm below the elbow, inflicting a serious and painful flesh-wound. Two other men were also severely bruised about their arms and feet. It was fortunate that none of the men were struck on the head, as in that case they would have been killed outright. The brick fell a distance of over 100 feet, and the lumber on which they fell was splintered into small bits.

A letter to the Cincinnati *Union* is responsible for the following: "At the time of the great Chicago fire, an eminent merchant was Mayor of Bangor. As soon as the extent of the disaster was made known, he announced that the city must contribute at least $10,000 for the sufferers. He carried around a subscription paper, and soon received the promise of that amount. Presently he called upon the subscribers and urged them to pay, saying that there was urgent need of the money, and that he wanted to forward it at once. This appeal was promptly answered, and the money put in his hands. Weeks passed, but no acknowledgment of Bangor's gift was made by the Chicago authorities. At last the Mayor began to be troubled by questions. For a time, by ingenious evasions and fabrications, he prevented serious inquiry; but at last it could no longer be delayed, and the whole truth came out. The Mayor had converted the $10,000 to his own use. Not long ago he died, leaving his affairs in confusion. It is worthy of record that though the subscribers recovered their money from his estate, they did not send it to Chicago.

SPRINGFIELD.

Methodist Camp-Meeting — Sneak-Thieves at Work—State Treasury Statistics—Meeting of the State Board of Equalization.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 6.—Quite a large crowd gathered to-day at the opening of the State Camp-Meeting, at Barclay, on the Gilman & Clinton Railroad, fourteen miles from here. The meetings will not be thoroughly organized before Friday. They are conducted by the Perfection Methodists, and will continue for two weeks. Heretofore they have attracted large crowds, and have proven to be very interesting to those engaged in the work.

For some time past this city has been infested by a low set of sneak-thieves, who have this week broken into no less than twenty houses and abstracted edibles, and in scarcely a case did the proceeding rise to the dignity of first-class burglary, a few gold watches being taken. The movement has resulted in the employment of private watchmen, and, if one or two of them should be laid out, it would probably end the thieving for a time.

The receipts of the State Treasury for July were: Revenue fund, $211,781,157; interest fund, $52,890.61; school fund, $134,270.19; Illinois Central Railroad fund, $905,285.72; canal redemption fund, $264,538.34; local bond interest fund, $192,691.42. Total, $1,060,963.85. The disbursements for the same time were: Revenue, $312,502.44; school, $919.01; interest, $319.77; canal redemption, $205,285.72; Illinois Central Railroad, $205,285.72; local interest, $775.05. Total, $725,007.71. This does not include payments of interest in New York, made in July, which amounted to $1,000,000, being the interest on local bonds, save $27,000 interest on the State debt.

The State Board of Equalization will meet in this city next Tuesday. All the assessment returns have not yet been received at the Auditor's office, but they are expected to be in by that time. They do not show, so far as they have been received, that the assessments have all been made at a fair cash value; on the contrary, a number of counties are reported at less than they were under the old rule of one-third cash value. It looks now as though the Board of Equalization would have a difficult job before them to adjust all the differences.

MADISON.

Mayor Chapman Accepts the Aid of the Germans in Enforcing the Sunday Laws—The Weather.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Aug. 6.—Acting Mayor Chapman, in response to the resolutions of the German meeting on Monday night, says he is glad they have determined to aid the authorities in the enforcement of the Sunday laws, and willingly accepts the assistance of the proposed committee of twenty in co-operating with the officers in securing a strict compliance with the law. He will commission some of them as special police, and hears that some of the temperance and religious societies will second their endeavors. He thinks all laws on the statute-books should be enforced, and, if they are unjust, rigorous enforcement will show it, and secure their modification or repeal, so that they can no longer be used as a menace by those who wish to be secure in the violation of laws more strongly upheld by public opinion.

The farmers continue to have splendid weather for securing their harvest, and the greater part of the grain is now out.

DUBUQUE.

Burglars at Work in the City.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Aug. 6.—The gang of burglars mentioned in the dispatch from here yesterday made some attempts during last night to burglarize houses in the city, and in some cases successfully, but they did not get much plunder. One of them dogged a passenger from the railroad depot to a hotel, arriving at which the passenger piled out his money and handed it to the hotel-keeper for safe-keeping in the presence of the would-be thief, informing the landlord at the same time of the circumstances of his being followed by the fellow from the depot.

THE LIVERY ORDINANCE VETOED.

A reporter yesterday interviewed the Mayor upon the subject of the livery ordinance which has created so much excitement among Ald. Dixon and others. The Mayor has sent in a veto of the ordinance, the City Clerk having received it on Tuesday evening. The reporter inquired if there was any weight in the argument made use of by Ald. Dixon and others, that the Mayor ought to have sent in his veto before the first regular meeting of the Common Council.

The Mayor understood that the argument was wanting in weight. The charter provided that the Clerk should have five days' grace wherein to transmit the ordinance to the Mayor for his approval, and the Mayor an additional five days' grace wherein to send it back to the City Clerk, with or without such approval. This gave the Mayor ten days to act. The ordinance had been sent back within eight days of its passage. The Mayor further added that the provision to which Ald. Dixon and others referred was that it should be submitted to the Council at the first regular meeting after its veto.

From this it would appear that Ald. Dixon and others are in too much haste.

THE TEMPERATURE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.

The range of temperature this day, as reported by L. Manassa, optician, 23 West Madison street, every half-hour, is as follows:

FAHRENHEIT.			
7 a. m.	68	1 p. m.	90
7:30 a. m.	69	1:30 p. m.	92
8 a. m.	73	2 p. m.	93
8:30 a. m.	75	2:30 p. m.	93
9 a. m.	77	3 p. m.	93
9:30 a. m.	79	3:30 p. m.	92
10 a. m.	81	4 p. m.	92
10:30 a. m.	83	4:30 p. m.	91
11 a. m.	84	5 p. m.	88
11:30 a. m.	86	5:30 p. m.	86
12 m.	87	6 p. m.	84
12:30 p. m.	89		

American Educational Association.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The paper of Dr. McCosh, read last evening, was discussed this morning at a general meeting of the Educational Association. The subject was "Upper Schools." In the discussion the following-named delegates made strong speeches: Dr. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania; Dr. Daniel Reed, of Missouri; Dr. McCosh, and W. T. Harris, of Missouri. The sentiment that seemed to prevail was that there was need in this country of a class of schools between the grammar-schools and colleges. There needed to be heartier sympathy between common schools and colleges.

The number of members present amounts to more than 1,500, and a noticeable feature of the Convention is the presence of a large number of teachers from the Southern States. Louisiana is well represented by W. G. Brown, a colored man, and State Superintendent of Schools in that State. Missouri has a large number present, also Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama. This afternoon the several departments are engaged in discussion in the department of higher instruction. A paper, by Edward S. Jaynes, of the Washington and Lee University of Virginia, on the study of the classics is very favorably commented upon. He contends strongly in their favor. Papers on elementary department were carefully considered.

A paper on Western University education, by William G. Eliot, of St. Louis, Mo., excited much discussion on account of his statements in regard to the manner of work in the West.

On Friday the Association will go on an excursion to Walling's Glen.

To Be Hanged.

CAIRO, Ill., Aug. 6.—The motion for a new trial in the case of the murderer Campbell was overruled last evening by Judge Baker, and the motion this morning for arrest of judgment was also overruled, and Campbell was sentenced to be hung in this city on the 29th of this month, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 in the afternoon. The prisoner had nothing to say why this sentence should not be pronounced. His counsel will apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of supersedeas.

CANADA.

Indignation Meeting in Montreal to Consider the Pacific Railway Scandal—Course of the Government Roundly Denounced—Sir John A. Macdonald Denies the Suicide Story—Miscellaneous Items.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONTREAL, Aug. 6.—At a mass meeting last night, five thousand people were present, and the Government was unanimously denounced. The Mayor of the city presided. The principal speakers were Honorables Holton, Huntingdon and Dorion, with Thos. White, editor-in-chief and joint-proprietor of the *Gazette*, the leading Ministerial paper of the city and province, and other citizens. The meeting was perfectly unanimous in feeling. No disturbance occurred. The following are the resolutions carried:

Resolved, That the honor of the country imperatively requires that the grave accusations of corruption made against the members of the Government on the subject of the Pacific Railway should immediately be submitted to a thorough investigation, and that any delay in the prosecution of this inquiry will be beneath the dignity of the Crown and injurious to the interests of the people.

2. That the House of Commons, by appointing during the present session of Parliament a committee chosen from among its members to make this inquiry, has followed the immemorial usage of the House of Commons in England, and that any intervention of the executive officers who are implicated in those accusations, for the purpose of withdrawing from the House the exercise of this undoubted right, must be considered as a dangerous attempt to deprive the people of this country of one of the most precious constitutional guarantees of their freedom.

3. That the delays up to this time have retarded this inquiry; have created throughout the country lamentable uneasiness and anxiety, which can only be calmed by a public and solemn inquest, and that in consequence a petition based on these resolutions be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying him not to prorogue Parliament until the House of Commons shall have had an opportunity of fully satisfying public opinion subject of these charges; that a petition be also presented to the House of Commons praying it to take into its serious consideration the necessity of proceeding without delay, when it shall meet on the 13th inst., to inquiry into the accusations brought against the Government, and that the Representatives of this city be requested to insist that an immediate Parliamentary inquiry therein should take place.

OTTAWA, Aug. 6.—The Ministers are beginning to return to the city. Sir John A. Macdonald is expected at the close of the week.

The printers' strike continues. The vacancies are being filled by new men. The strikers have issued a paper called the *Workingmen's Journal.*

ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 6.—Supt. Beggan, of the Welland Canal, has been made the recipient of an address from sixty-four masters and vessel-owners.

The express agent here has lost a $2,000 package of money.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 6.—At the village of Orchardville, yesterday, the boiler in a factory burst, and threw a young man 150 feet, killing him, and seriously injuring another.

The *Mail* is silent about the indignation meeting in Montreal, and has not a word of it in its Montreal dispatch.

No Royal Commission has yet been issued, and the feeling prevails that the announcement was merely a Government experiment.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—Sir John A. McDonald thus settles the report from Montreal that he had attempted to commit suicide. The dispatch is to an inquiring friend in Boston:

MONTREAL, Aug. 6.—It is an infamous falsehood. I was never better in my life.

(Signed) JOHN A. MCDONALD.

Serious Carriage Accident.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 6.—The Rockton stage, while left unhitched before the Post-Office, this morning, ran off and dashed into a carriage containing Misses Worthington, Brooks, and Davis, besides the driver, upsetting the carriage and breaking it badly, dislocating Miss Brooks' shoulder, seriously injuring Miss Davis, and bruising the other occupants of the carriage. Processing is now going on for the enforcement of the ordinance against leaving teams unhitched.

Boston Items.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—The celebrated trotting horse Fearnaught died to-day.

John W. Young, charged with forging money-orders on the Post-Office Department in Chicago and other Western cities, was to-day turned over to Special Detective Elwell, who started with him for Chicago.

Killed by Lightning.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 6.—In Spencer County, Ky., last Sunday, Miss Ellen Stevens, about 17 years of age, was struck by lightning and fatally injured.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Money easy at 3@4 per cent. Sterling steady at former quotations.

Customs receipts to-day, $441,000.

Gold firmer at 115⅝ to 115¾, closing at 115¾. Loans were 1¼ and 3 per cent to flat. Clearings, $20,000,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $304,000.

Government closed strong.

Stocks opened weak and declined a fraction early in the day, but afterwards improved. Fluctuations generally were slight. Pacific Mail was the feature, advancing from 38½ to 39¾, at the close the general market was strong at about the highest prices of the day.

Sterling, 109.

GOVERNMENT BONDS			
Coupons, '81	113½	Coupons, '67	119
Coupons, '62	117½	Coupons, '68	113¾
Coupons, '64	117½	10-40s	115½
Coupons, '65	119½	Currency 6s	114¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	117¾	New 5s	114¾
STATE.			
Missouris	93	Virginias, old	48¾
Tennessees, old	81½	North Carolinas, old	27
Tennessees, new	81¾	North Carolinas, new	15½
Virginias, new	81		
STOCKS.			
Canton	50	St Paul pfd	78¼
Western Union	99¾	Wabash	72¾
Quicksilver	38	Wabash pfd	80
Pacific Mail	39¾	Fort Wayne	93½
Wells Fargo	73	Terre Haute	20
American Express	53½	Terre Haute pfd	40
United States Ex	57	Chicago & Alton	109¾
Merchants' Union	97	Chicago & Alton pfd	113
New York Central	106½	Ohio & Mississippi	39¾
Erie	59¾	C., C. & C.	84¾
Erie pfd	73¾	C., R. & Q.	104½
Harlem	123½	Lake Shore	94¾
Harlem pfd	127½	Indiana Central	81¾
Michigan Central	94	Illinois Central	109
Pittsburgh	89¾	Union Pacific stocks	28¾
Northwestern	67¾	Union Pacific bonds	82
Northwestern pfd	84¾	Central Pacific bonds	100¾
Rock Island	110¾	Del. Lack. & Western	101¾
N. J. Central	103	B., H. & Erie	2¾
St. Paul	53¾		

FRANKFORT, Aug. 6.—Bonds of 1862, 97¾.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Rentes, 57f 17c.

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 6, 11 a. m.—Market unchanged. Flour, 27@28s. Wheat—Winter, 11s 10d@12s 3d; spring, 10s 10d@11s 8d; white, 11s 6d@11s 10d; club, 12s@12s 3d. Corn, 29s 9d@29s 6d. Pork, 68s. Lard, 37s 9d.

LONDON, Aug. 6, 5 p. m.—Consols, 92¾; 5-20s of '65, 94¾; do of '67, 94¾; 10-40s, 91¾; new 5s, 90¾; Erie, 17¾.

Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day, £83,000. Rate of discount for 3 months' bills in open market, 5-16 per cent below bank rates. Rate of money at the Stock Exchange on Government securities, ½per cent below the bank rate.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 6—Evening.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling upland, 8¾d; Orleans, 9¼d; sales, 14,000 bales; American, 9,000; speculation and export, 2,000.

Breadstuffs quiet. Red winter wheat, 11s 10d@12s 3d. Flour, 27s@28s. Corn, 29s 3d@29s 6d. Cheese, 63s. Cumberland middles, 37s 6d. Short ribs, 40s.

Buffalo Live-Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Aug. 6.—CATTLE—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 1,241. Total for the week, 7,257. Market active and very firm at yesterday's prices. Attendance of buyers good. Cattle of superior grade. About 1,450 disposed of. Sales 85 Illinois steers, 1,234 lbs, at $5.80@6.40; 14 Illinois oxen, 1,464 lbs, at $6.14; 247 Iowa steers, 1,200 lbs, at $5.30@5.60; 116 Ohio steers, 1,104@1,207 lbs, at $5.75@5.80; 231 Kentucky steers, 1,

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Aug. 6.

Exchange to-day is a shade firmer, and very little if any was sold between banks at less than 25 cents premium per $1,000. The market was fairly supplied at the current rate. Selling to customers, par to 1-10 premium.

Some of the banks report a fair demand for money from customers; but a majority of the heaviest houses still find their banks full of idle funds. They prefer to have them there rather than to take any paper that is not made for strictly business purposes. One banker told us to-day that he would be glad to make very large loans—several hundred thousand—for thirty days as low as 6 per cent, but till the active fall trade and heavy Eastern shipments are made he cannot get the kind of paper he wants. To customers, at most of the banks, 10 per cent is the nominal rate of discount.

The demand for currency from country banks to move the crops continues, and is slightly on the increase. The fact is regarded with favor by our bankers. They are are ready for any increase that is likely to arise.

Street paper is not very abundant, much less so than it was a month or two ago. The outside figures, as heretofore, are 1@2 per cent per month, with commissions. The ordinary range is about 1@1½.

THE BUTTER-TRADE.

Comparatively a new source of wealth to the Northwest, and of exchange to pay Eastern bills, is the trade in butter. Till within the last few years the quality of a large majority of the article that reached the city from the surrounding country was abominable,—unfit for marketing here or elsewhere. Many of our older citizens used to import their butter from sections of New York, or some other Eastern State from which they came, in order to get an article fit to place upon their tables. The salute of some jolly General officer to the butter-plate at Memphis, for the reason that it is "*outranked* him," might, only a few years since, have been appropriately made to most of the butter that was found in this market.

We are glad to report that all this is changed. Our farmers have found that it will pay to make a first-class article of butter, and they make it. There is a demand for that for city consumption and for shipment. Inferior and stale parcels are rejected.

From A. Wallingford, Esq., Agent of the Blue Line, we learn that from five to seven refrigerator cars of this line are shipped East every day to New York and Boston, loaded with butter. The car is lined on the inside all round with compartments made of zinc, filled with pounded ice, which keeps down the temperature to about 40. At Detroit, Niagara Falls, and Albany, the cars are inspected, and the place of whatever ice has melted is supplied. The car is, in fact, a refrigerator in which, as each car carries 10 tons, from 80 to 70 tons of butter go East every day. Even at a low figure some $20,000 per day is received by our farmers for this article alone. Cars are sent West from this city regularly to gather it in from the different stations. As soon as it arrives it is placed in an ice-house till the cars can be arranged for shipment. The circuit from which it comes embraces a large share of Southern Wisconsin, Minnesota, as far as Fairabault, Central Iowa, and a large section of our own State. Mr. Wallingford informs us that the rich pastures of the Northwest produce a very splendid butter, and the art of making it is fast extending, rapidly and widely among our farmers. This is attested by a smart trick that New York and Boston dealers are practicing upon their customers. Pails or tubs are made neat and uniform, and are sent forward with only a single letter stamped upon them. When they get to New York or Boston the name of some favorite dairy or dealer in Orange County, N. Y., or for the Boston dealers some well-known Vermont brand is stamped upon them. The reason for this can be readily imagined. The butter brings a better price. This business has nearly all grown up within the last two or three years, and may be extended at almost indefinitely. The freight to Chicago will total say 1½ per 100 lbs to Boston, and $1.25 to New York. This adds less than 1¾ cents per pound to the cost. Eastern butter makers will have to look to their laurels or the Northwest will seriously interfere with their profits. Taking the value of the present shipments for half the year at what they now are, and for the winter at only quarter the amount, and this trade alone will furnish nearly $4,000,000 of exchange to the Northwest, and add a large percentage of it to its wealth.

Messrs. Hammond & Bremmer are shipping three car-loads of dressed beef every day by this line. It arrives in much better order than it would if the animals were crowded in hot cars and made feverish by a ride of 1,000 miles. They have been able to sell all they have forwarded at satisfactory prices. We should not be surprised to see the shipment of live animals largely superseded by forwarding their meat dressed by these refrigerator cars.

Messrs. Austin Hurlbut & Co., of Yokohama, Japan, in their circular dated July 7, per steamer Japan to San Francisco, give the total amount of tea exported from that city for the years 1872-3, ending May 31:

To America (We presume to New York).....	$ 9,107,378
To San Francisco.....	2,895,688
Total.....	$12,003,066

From which it would appear that America is Japan's only customer for tea. We are not sure of this.

The *Journal of Commerce* gives the New York money market of the 4th as follows:

The money market presented no new features of importance. Call loans were freely offered upon approved collaterals at 3@4 per cent. First-class business paper at short date was in good demand at 5@6 per cent per annum discount; obligations of this class, having four months or more to maturity, were negotiated by dealers at 6@7 per cent.

HEALTH AND FINANCE.

The New York *Financier* has a long and an able article on the importance of good health upon financial operations. It says that Vanderbilt's good health, old as he is, is worth large sums every day to the operators at the Stock Exchange. We quote the following paragraph for the benefit of all whom it may concern:

It is a sufficient reason for an investor or depositary to avoid consigning his property to the care of a constitutional invalid, or to a habitual debauchee. Of course there are exceptions to this rule, like the notorious Fisk, who appear to succeed, in spite of their neglect of the rules both of morality, decency, and health. Yet even these the Nemesis overtakes sooner or later, in regard to health and habits is considered in our view and acted on in the deliberations of boards of corporations. When it became known that Oakes Ames was afflicted with the disease of the kidneys, considered as a disorder of digestion, and the precursor of more dangerous complications, it was urged against him as a disqualification for the Presidency of the Union Pacific Company. Another prominent stockholder, long identified with the enterprise, suffered in his candidacy from reputed violations of his bodily health. It is related of the elder Rothschild that, when on his death-bed, he advised his son and heir to "*attend to our money*," as he knew that the effect of his demise would cause a temporary decline in the price. If one's attention is directed to it, there is scarcely a reader of this article but can point to one or more eminent executive man, whose brains are overtaxed, and whose bodies are being ill-used, upon whom dissolution must speedily fall.

The Almighty cannot be cheated—not even in the slightest matter of bodily indulgence. The late champagne supper of Mr. A., or the equally exhausting night sessions of B. and his coadjutors, in his library, are infringements on the vital forces which can never be wholly regained, and which are likely to lead to further errors both of hygiene and business judgment. Hence, New York business men do well to take all the holidays in the calendar, and to try to add to their numbers. They do well to shorten the hours of labor, and do ill to meet in extra night sessions at critical times at the Fifth Avenue Hotel or elsewhere. The nerve is not always to be counted on. It is asserted by those likely to know that New York bankers and their clerks do more work between 10 and 3 o'clock than the Germans do between 9 and 6.

THE VANDERBILT STOCKS.

From the New York Times, Aug. 4.

The recent favorable turn in the stock market is ascribed to the influence of the Vanderbilt stocks and the accession of Mr. Vanderbilt himself, and Mr. Amasa Stone, of Cleveland, to the management of the Lake Shore Road. These stocks have all gone up since, including Harlem and Western Telegraph, but only partially as compared with the predictions of this immediate friends of Mr. Vanderbilt. Without especially sympathizing in their extreme views, we may as well state some of the points relied upon for a further very considerable advance in each stock.

1. New York Central is to be made a 10 per cent stock by the application, in the course of a year or two, of $25,000,000 of the recently created scrip of $40,000,000 to the third and fourth track, wherever required on the line of the road between New York and Lake Erie, the other $15,000,000 being reserved to take up the old debt of the Central & Hudson as it matures.

2. The Lake Shore is to be leased on the basis of 8 per cent per annum, clear income on the capital of $50,000,000 and the assumption of the interest upon the debt of the Company by the New York Central.

3. The Harlem Road, already leased at 8 per cent on the present capital and the interest upon the whole debt, north and east of the Grand Central Depot, with the reservation of the city or Fourth avenue line and all the real property in the city, is to make a scrip dividend of 40 or 50 per cent in the shape of new stock to represent these reservations, upon which stock 8 per cent can be earned independent of the lease. We make this suggestion under reservation, as according for the current opinion in well-advised quarters that Harlem stock is soon to be made worth 150 per cent.

4. The Western Telegraph is so come into Vanderbilt control, if it is not already so practically, in October, with the present Executive head, Mr. Orton, continued in the management. A new departure is to be taken on the basis of at least 8 per cent per annum on the restored capital of $40,000,000 or $41,000,000, the stock owned by the Company to be first divided as a scrip dividend of 15 or 20 per cent on the existing outstanding capital.

LOCAL RATES.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean report the local stock prices as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
5-20s of '62.....	117¾	117¾
5-20s of '64.....	117¾	117¾
5-20s of '65.....	119	119¼
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July.....	117¾	117¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July, ex. int..	118¾	119
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July.....	118¼	118¾
10-40s.....	115¾	115¾
U. S. 5s (new issue).....	114¾	114¾
Gold (full weight).....	115¾	115¾
6-Gold Coupons.....	115¾	115¾
Gold Exchange.....		115¾
Sterling Exchange.....	109¼@109¾	
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s.....	100	& int.
Chicago City 7s.....	100	& int.
Cook County 7s.....	100	& int.
Illinois County and Township 10s.....		95@98

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Aug. 6:

CITY PROPERTY.

Lot 40, in Block 4, in Hamilton's Subdivision in Sec. 18, 39, 14, dated Jan. 15; consideration, $1,800.

Same as the above, dated Aug. 5; consideration, $1,500.

Undivided half of Lots 12, 13, and 15 to 17, in e ½ Block 2, in Morgan's Subdivision in s e ¼ Sec. 12, 39, 13, dated July 25; consideration, $3,000.

Carroll av, between Desplaines and Jefferson sts, n f, Lots 6, 7, 10, 11, and south 35 ft of Lots 8 and 9, dated July 19; consideration, $41,500.

Eighteen lots in Block 11, in Wright & Webster's n e ¼ Sec. 12, 39, 13, dated Sept. 2, 1872; consideration, $9,000.

Green st, n of and near Carroll av, e f, 26x90 ft, dated June 28; consideration, $2,500.

Carroll av, s e cor of Union st, n f, 24 ft to Wayman st, dated Aug. 4; consideration, $17,800.

Lot 5, in same block as the above, dated April 18; consideration, $6,750.

Same as the above, dated April 23; consideration, $6,750.

Ogden av, 125 ft s w of Twelfth st, s e f, 26x130 ft, dated July 17; consideration, $1,625.

Lots 5 and 6, in Block 4, in Sawyer's Addition, dated April 1; consideration, $6,780.

Leavitt st, s w cor of Hastie, Lots 79 and 80, dated July 28; consideration, $4,000.

May st, bet Carroll av and Kinzie st, w f, Lots 8, 9, and 12, dated July 1, 1873; consideration, $6,540.

Lot 16, in Block 1, Cossett's Second Addition, dated July 23, 1873; consideration, $950.

Peoria st, s w cor of Kinzie, Lots 1 to 5, dated April 25; consideration, $15,850.

Lot 9, in e ½ of s w ¼ Block 35, Sec 7, 39, 14, dated March 24; consideration, $1,150.

Carroll av, s w corner of Clinton st, Lot 1, with building (except w 20 ft), dated May 1; consideration, $26,250.

Lot 46, in Block 13, of s e ¼ Sec 17, 39, 14, with buildings, dated July 24; consideration, $1,750.

Lot 6, of Yale's Subdivision in Block 11, of Wight's Addition, dated April 17; consideration, $1,250.

Lot 27, in Block 8 of Block 5 Sheffield's Addition, dated June 28; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 23, in Block 8 of Hodge's part of Sherman's s e ¼ Sec. 28, 39, 14, dated June 24; consideration, $1,180.

Lincoln st, between Adams and Jackson sts, w f, undivided ½ of 18 10½x126 ft, dated July 28; consideration, $2,500.

West Adams st, bet Lincoln and Honore, s f, 22x125 ft, dated July 29; consideration, $3,000.

Lot 18 in Block 17, Sec. 19, 39, 14, dated April 10; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 45 in Block 11 of D. S. Lee's Addition, dated July 21; consideration, $1,050.

Lot 11 in Culver et al. Subdivision in s w ¼ of 22, 39, 14, dated Aug. 4; consideration, $26,923.

Lot 42 in Kaylor's Block 46 of s w ¼ Sec 21, 39, 14, dated Aug. 6; consideration, $3,400.

Lot 29 in Block 5, Pickett's Second Addition, dated July 31; consideration, $2,250.

Lots 76 and 77 in Block 6 of s w ¼ Sec. 30, 39, 14, dated July 16; consideration, $2,800.

SOUTH TOWN LIMITS.

Lot 788, in South Side Homestead Association Addition, dated May 20; consideration, $600.

Cottage Grove av, undivided ¼ of 40 ft in Block 5, Clearerville, dated March 27; consideration, $3,000.

Undivided ¼ of same, dated March 27; consideration, $3,000.

Lot 50, in Block 2 of Duncan's Block 5, of Taylor & Kreigh's w ¼ of s w ¼, Sec. 4, 38, 14, dated March 27; consideration, $500.

WEST OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 9 and 10, in Block 15 of Hansbrough & Hess, e ½ of s w ¼ Sec. 36, 40, 13, dated Aug. 7; consideration, $2,000.

Lot 7, in same block, dated July 26; consideration, $1,800.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Aug. 6.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls.....	4,776	3,070	4,373	3,031
Wheat, bu.....	20,880	9,960	25,279	74,884
Corn, bu.....	182,052	198,686	268,346	412,561
Oats, bu.....	31,650	17,650	19,311	27,060
Rye, bu.....	2,740	4,154		900
Barley, bu.....	700	750	1,225	960
Grass seed, lbs.....	17,554	14,906	65,450	920
Flax seed, lbs.....	22,100	66,400		
Broom-corn, lbs.....			15,250	33,928
Cured meats, lbs.....	81,620	34,690	671,912	108,800
Beef, brls.....			126	115
Pork, brls.....		331	1,235	1,618
Lard, lbs.....	9,860	18,496	265,660	6,875
Tallow, lbs.....	24,860	11,860	69,000	
Butter, lbs.....	78,275	60,426	62,382	24,050
Cheese, lbs.....	7,007	5,736	4,579	6,310
Cattle, No.....	3,250	3,178	1,129	762
Sheep, No.....	912	1,139		
Hides, lbs.....	122,815	51,444	92,750	36,974
Calfskins, brls.....		293	19	255
Wool, lbs.....	476,260	187,162	311,617	35,370
Potatoes, bu.....	884	2,173	54	
Lumber, m feet.....	3,502	4,962	2,160	1,193
Shingles, m.....	4,970	2,203	2,914	1,696
Lath, m.....	5	475	224	139
Salt, brls.....	3,060	1,828	5,392	2,095

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 794 bu wheat; 2,812 bu corn; 5,720 bu oats; 344 bu rye; 853 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 41 cars wheat; 399¼ cars corn; 5,000 bu high mixed do, and 11,900 bu No. 2 do, by canal; 17 cars oats, 7¼ cars rye. Total (465 cars), 304,000 bu.

The second convention of the pork packers and provision dealers of the United States will be held in Chicago next month, commencing with the second Wednesday and continuing "till forbid," as is the rule with some newspapers. It is expected that the attendance will number not far from 1,000, and the Chicago Pork Packers' Association are already awake to the needs of the situation, and preparing to give a hearty welcome to the visitors. The place of meeting has not yet been announced.

The great difference in the price of wheat now and that sold for delivery in September, should suggest to country holders the advisability of sending forward as much as they can during August, provided always that they have good reason to believe that it will grade as No. 2 on arrival here. There is little use of hurrying up for the sake of sending in wheat that is not dry enough or clean enough for the speculative grade, but it does promise to pay well to send forward the No. 2, whether wheat be cornered for this month or not. The premium to-day for cash wheat over seller September is fully 7c per bu.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* desires it to be widely known that the attempt to corner pork some months ago, which wrought disaster in Chicago and St. Louis, did not break anybody in Cincinnati.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* says:

A series of experiments, instituted to test the average loss in weight by drying, shows that corn loses one-fifth, and wheat one-fourteenth, by the process. From this the statement is made that farmers will make more by selling unshelled corn in the fall at 75c than the following summer at $1.00 a bushel; and that wheat at $1.32 in December is equal to $1.50 for the same wheat in the June following. This estimate is made on the basis of interest at 7 per cent, and takes no account of loss from the depredation of vermin.

That is all right; but our farmers in the West would be glad to obtain 75c for dry corn, and give two bushels for that price.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were again quiet to-day, with the single exception of corn, which was less active than usual. Everybody seemed to hold off, spurning about as if uncertain whether to remain or go off at a tangent into the country for a week or two. Of course it is necessary to takesure of the produce that comes in daily, and that is enough to do during the heated term, albeit the clerk of the weather seems to be dealing with us more kindly than in any previous summer.

Dry goods met with a reasonably active inquiry from the local and near-by trade, and all standard cotton textiles and seasonable goods generally were fairly firm. The grocery market was without new features. Business, though not particularly brisk in any department, was as active as could reasonably be expected, and sales from sugars, which still show signs of weakness, the general feeling is one of firmness. Butter sold to a liberal extent at yesterday's prices, good to choice quantities ruling very firm. Cheese was active and higher, the quotations being marked up a ½c all around, or to 11¼@12¾c for Western, and to 12¾@13½c for New York factory. Coal was unchanged. In the fish market there was a fair assortment of trade, with prices without quotations. Dried fruits, though more quiet, were none the less firm, while in some lines there are indications of a further advance. Hay was inactive. About the only grades inquired for were prime and No. 1, of which the offering was meagre. The new crop, which is now being rapidly secured is fully an average one in the West, while in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Western Massachusetts the crop will exceed that of last year. The reports from Canada are also favorable. Hides and leather remain quiet.

There was no perceptible change either in the volume of business or the prices at the lumber yards. Common building lumber is meeting with a moderate inquiry, and prices are firm. In the sale docks a quiet day was passed, the amount of lumber offering being small. Building materials were in moderate demand at unchanged prices. Metals, iron, cooperage, and naval stores remain quiet. Nails were in moderate request at $5.50 rates. The wool market was devoid of any new features. The receipts continue light and the market firm. Hops and broom corn were in only fair request, but the demand for new wheat, hay, and potatoes was favorable, while the peculiar process to which flour is subject when made from wheat that has not gone through the sweat. Bran was firmer. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras on private terms; 40 brls spring extras (patent) at $9.00, 100 brls do (Big Loaf) at $6.75; 100 brls do at $6.50; 200 brls do at $6.25; 100 do at $6.12½; 125 brls do at $6.00; 75 brls do at $4.75; 300 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfine at $4.00; 40 brls do at $3.50; 100 brls rye on private terms. Total, 1,284 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $9.50 on track, and 30 tons do at $10.00 delivered. The following was the closing range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras.....	$ 6.75@ 9.00
Red winter extras.....	6.75@ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras.....	6.00@ 6.50
Low to medium.....	4.50@ 6.00
Minnesota (patent).....	7.00@10.00
Good to fancy Minnesota.....	6.50@ 7.00
Spring superfines.....	2.50@ 4.25
Rye flour.....	4.00@ 4.25
Bran.....	9.50@10.00

Wheat was dull and irregular. Options averaged ½c lower than yesterday, though a shade higher than the closing quotations of last evening, while there was little change in cash lots, which were held very firmly with not much demand. Indeed, both buyers and sellers held off, as if afraid to trade either in cash lots or options. The situation is peculiar. There is a fair inquiry from millers for old wheat, and they were paying 4@4½c premium for it to-day over seller this month, and 11c premium over seller September. Of course this prevents shippers from operating, and these gentlemen are paralyzed in turn by the fact that they bought large quantities of wheat last month, to be delivered in August, which they intended to ship out on receiving it, and none of it has yet come to hand. These purchases were chiefly made on Canadian account. It would seem too that there will be some difficulty in filling those contracts, judging from the slow way in which wheat is coming forward; while Milwaukee is paying 4c per bu more for wheat than Chicago, and 2½c more for this month's option, country holders will naturally send all the wheat they can to that city, and so operators in our market are divided between fears on the one hand of investing at prices which are relatively high, and fears, on the other hand, that if they sell short they may be caught on the round turn by an August corner. The little new wheat that comes here is arriving in good condition, and the No. 2 brings the price of old, for speculative purposes, while No. 1 will sell for no more, as the millers do not want it. Seller the month opened this morning at $1.14½, advanced to $1.14¾, and declined to $1.14½ at the close. Seller September sold at $1.07¾@1.08, and seller the year at $1.04@1.04¾, both closing with the inside bid. Cash No. 2 spring sold at $1.18@1.19, closing at $1.18. New No. 1 was quotable at about $1.18¾ at the close, and old do at $1.23. No. 3 spring closed nominal at $1.05, and rejected do at 91c, both the lower grades being very dull. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 1 spring at $1.19; 800 bu do at $1.18¾; 800 bu No. 2 spring, hard, at $1.20; 2,400 bu partly hard at $1.19; 18,400 bu regular at $1.18¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.18; 1,600 bu No. 3 spring at $1.05¾; 2,800 bu rejected spring at 91c. Total, 33,200 bu.

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Oats were in better demand, though not active, and ½@¾c higher, being wanted to a fair extent for shipment. The inquiry was altogether for delivery some time this month, the more deferred options being dull. Seller the month sold at 26½@26¾c, and cash No. 2 at 26¾@27c, both closing at the outside. Seller September sold at 26c, and seller the year at 25¾@25¾c. Cash sales were reported of 44,200 bu No. 2 at 27c; 5,000 bu do at 26¾c; 25,000 bu rejected at 26c; 2,400 bu do at 26½c; 1,800 bu do at 25¾c; 2,400 bu do at 25¼c; 1,800 bu do at 24¾c; 800 bu by sample at 32c on track. Total, 59,300 bu.

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There was no perceptible change either in the volume of business or the prices at the lumber yards. Common building lumber is meeting with a moderate inquiry, and prices are firm. In the sale docks a quiet day was passed, the amount of lumber offering being small. Building materials were in moderate demand at unchanged prices. Metals, iron, cooperage, and naval stores remain quiet. Nails were in moderate request at $5.50 rates. The wool market was devoid of any new features. The receipts continue light and the market firm. Hops and broom corn were in only fair request, but the demand for new wheat, hay, and potatoes was favorable, while the peculiar process to which flour is subject when made from wheat that has not gone through the sweat. Bran was firmer. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras on private terms; 40 brls spring extras (patent) at $9.00, 100 brls do (Big Loaf) at $6.75; 100 brls do at $6.50; 200 brls do at $6.25; 100 do at $6.12½; 125 brls do at $6.00; 75 brls do at $4.75; 300 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfine at $4.00; 40 brls do at $3.50; 100 brls rye on private terms. Total, 1,284 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $9.50 on track, and 30 tons do at $10.00 delivered. The following was the closing range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras.....	$ 6.75@ 9.00
Red winter extras.....	6.75@ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras.....	6.00@ 6.50
Low to medium.....	4.50@ 6.00
Minnesota (patent).....	7.00@10.00
Good to fancy Minnesota.....	6.50@ 7.00
Spring superfines.....	2.50@ 4.25
Rye flour.....	4.00@ 4.25
Bran.....	9.50@10.00

Wheat was dull and irregular. Options averaged ½c lower than yesterday, though a shade higher than the closing quotations of last evening, while there was little change in cash lots, which were held very firmly with not much demand. Indeed, both buyers and sellers held off, as if afraid to trade either in cash lots or options. The situation is peculiar. There is a fair inquiry from millers for old wheat, and they were paying 4@4½c premium for it to-day over seller this month, and 11c premium over seller September. Of course this prevents shippers from operating, and these gentlemen are paralyzed in turn by the fact that they bought large quantities of wheat last month, to be delivered in August, which they intended to ship out on receiving it, and none of it has yet come to hand. These purchases were chiefly made on Canadian account. It would seem too that there will be some difficulty in filling those contracts, judging from the slow way in which wheat is coming forward; while Milwaukee is paying 4c per bu more for wheat than Chicago, and 2½c more for this month's option, country holders will naturally send all the wheat they can to that city, and so operators in our market are divided between fears on the one hand of investing at prices which are relatively high, and fears, on the other hand, that if they sell short they may be caught on the round turn by an August corner. The little new wheat that comes here is arriving in good condition, and the No. 2 brings the price of old, for speculative purposes, while No. 1 will sell for no more, as the millers do not want it. Seller the month opened this morning at $1.14½, advanced to $1.14¾, and declined to $1.14½ at the close. Seller September sold at $1.07¾@1.08, and seller the year at $1.04@1.04¾, both closing with the inside bid. Cash No. 2 spring sold at $1.18@1.19, closing at $1.18. New No. 1 was quotable at about $1.18¾ at the close, and old do at $1.23. No. 3 spring closed nominal at $1.05, and rejected do at 91c, both the lower grades being very dull. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 1 spring at $1.19; 800 bu do at $1.18¾; 800 bu No. 2 spring, hard, at $1.20; 2,400 bu partly hard at $1.19; 18,400 bu regular at $1.18¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.18; 1,600 bu No. 3 spring at $1.05¾; 2,800 bu rejected spring at 91c. Total, 33,200 bu.

Corn was less active, and heavy, without being specifically weak, averaging ¼@¾c lower than yesterday. The European markets were generally quoted firm, but our market was depressed by more liberal receipts, which was, however, only a consequence of the accident on the C., B. & Q. Railroad, several cars-loads that were detained yesterday came in this morning. It is not likely that the receipts will be so large to-morrow. But the fact made the market heavy, a great many operators offering corn on option, which comparatively few wanted to buy, and the shipping demand was less than usual. There is little or no fear now of condition, and the premium for carrying into September has shrunk to ¼@¾c in consequence, so that there is not now a temptation to capital to carry it forward. But a few parties have operated vigorously of late, and succeeded in reducing our stocks to but little more than 2,500,000 bu. If this process continues, and our receipts should fall off, as anticipated, there may yet be a squeeze this month, as the short interest is a very large one. Seller August, or regular No. 2, opened at 37¾c, advanced ¾c, and declined to 37¼c, closing at 37½c. Seller September sold at 38@38¾c, closing at 38@38¾c. Seller October sold near the close at 39¼c. New receipts closed at 37½c; high-mixed at 38¾c, and rejected at 34½c. Cash sales were reported of 1,600 bu high mixed at 38¾c; 10,000 bu do at 38¾c; 2,400 bu do at 38¾c; 24,800 bu No. 2 at 38c; 64,400 bu do at 37¾c; 20,400 bu do at 37¾c; 20,000 bu do at 37¼c; 2,800 bu rejected at 35c; 16,000 bu do at 34½c; 400 bu posted at 25c; 6,000 bu No. 2 at 38½c, afloat; 800 bu do, white, at 42c, on track. Total, 179,200 bu.

Oats were in better demand, though not active, and ½@¾c higher, being wanted to a fair extent for shipment. The inquiry was altogether for delivery some time this month, the more deferred options being dull. Seller the month sold at 26½@26¾c, and cash No. 2 at 26¾@27c, both closing at the outside. Seller September sold at 26c, and seller the year at 25¾@25¾c. Cash sales were reported of 44,200 bu No. 2 at 27c; 5,000 bu do at 26¾c; 25,000 bu rejected at 26c; 2,400 bu do at 26½c; 1,800 bu do at 25¾c; 2,400 bu do at 25¼c; 1,800 bu do at 24¾c; 800 bu by sample at 32c on track. Total, 59,300 bu.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

AL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Summer Arrangement.

ATION OF EXPERIENCE MAILS. | Saturday ex
Sunday excepted. | Monday excepted. | Ar
day at 6:00 a. m. | Daily.

AN CENTRAL & GREAT WESTERN RAILROADS

Foot of Lake st., and Foot of Twenty-second st.
Office, 27 Clark st., southeast corner of Randolph
Canal-st., corner of Madison.

	Leave.	Arrive.
...mails and all lines).....	* 9:00 a. m.	* 9:15 p. m.
...press.....	* 9:00 a. m.	* 9:30 p. m.
...Accommodation.....	* 3:35 p. m.	*10:20 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	*10:30 p. m.
...Express.....	* 9:00 p. m.	* 7:20 a. m.
...PING AND FERRYWATER.		
...Express.....	8:00 a. m.	5:00 p. m.
...press.....	10:10 p. m.	9:00 a. m.

HENRY C. WENTWORTH,
General Passenger Agent.

CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD.

Kansas City and Denver Short Line, via Lemont
and Chicago, Spring Valley, Alton and St. Louis
Line, Thebes Ferry, and Cairo Short Line.
Ticket Offices: At Depot, and 123 Randolph-st.

	Leave.	Arrive.
...City Express via Jackson, Ill., and Louisiana, Mo..	* 9:15 a. m.	* 6:30 p. m.
...City Fast Express, via Springfield, Ill., and Louisiana, Mo..	† 9:00 p. m.	† 7:30 a. m.
...Express, via Main Line of Alton Railroad.....	* 9:15 a. m.	* 5:10 p. m.
...Express, via Jacksonville, Ill.....	9:00 p. m.	* 7:30 a. m.
...Fast Express, via Jacksonville, Ill.....	† 9:00 p. m.	† 7:30 a. m.
...Express.....	* 9:15 a. m.	* 5:10 p. m.
...City Express.....	† 9:00 p. m.	† 7:30 a. m.
...Kookuk & Burlington.....	* 9:00 p. m.	* 5:10 p. m.
...Louis, and Washington.....	* 4:10 p. m.	* 9:30 p. m.
...Express.....	* 4:10 p. m.	* 9:40 a. m.

CAGO, MILWAUKEE & St. PAUL RAILWAY.

Depot, corner Madison and Canal-sts.; Tenant Office
at Clarke-st., opposite Sherman House, and at Depot.
THE ELEVATOR CASE AGAIN.

	Leave.	Arrive.
...Mail, St. Paul & Minneapolis.....	* 9:30 a. m.	* 6:00 p. m.
...Express, via Prairie du Chien and Dunleith.....	* 5:00 p. m.	*11:00 a. m.
...Express, St. Paul & Minneapolis.....	† 9:30 p. m.	* 4:15 p. m.

ROAD, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD.

Foot of Lake-st., Indiana-av., and Sixteenth-st.
Ticket Office, No. 59 Clark-st., and at depots.

	Leave.	Arrive.
...Mail Express.....	* 7:45 a. m.	* 5:20 p. m.
...and Streator Passenger.....	* 7:45 a. m.	* 5:00 p. m.
...and Sioux City Express.....	* 9:30 a. m.	* 6:15 p. m.
...Passenger.....	* 3:30 p. m.	* 1:15 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 9:30 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 7:50 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 7:50 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 9:30 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 6:30 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 6:45 a. m.
...Express.....	* 5:15 p. m.	* 7:45

WASHINGTON.

Another Official Explanation Regarding the Fort Snelling Sale.

A Sharp Claim Agent Preparing for a Raid on the Treasury.

The Syndicate and Its Alleged Perquisites.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE FORT SNELLING SALE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6.—In the matter of the sale of Fort Snelling, the War Department appears mainly to rest the force of its case upon the opinion of the then Attorney-General, J. S. Black, as against the report of the committees of Congress regarding the validity of the sale. Indeed, the Board of Army Officers sent by Gen. Belknap to investigate the matter now state that they did not consider in the scope of their inquiry the matters relative to the validity of the sale, as reported by the committees of Congress, and that they only incidentally referred to the reports of these committees as a minor part of the history of the transaction. It will not be forgotten that at the time Jerry Black gave this opinion Congress and the Administration were at loggerheads, and that Jerry Black belonged to the Administration. It was often hinted at that time that opinions from the Attorney-General's office could be made to order. It would appear, therefore, that to a great extent the reliance of the War Department upon this opinion of the Attorney-General as to the validity of the sale is, so far as the merits of the case go, of the most technical character.

EXPENSE OF THE MODOC WAR.

Much interest has recently been manifested by Treasury officials to discuss the actual cost of the Modoc war. It is known that a very large allowance is to be made for the expenses of the campaign, but the War Department has hitherto declined to give the Treasury any information as to the amount.

A SHARP CLAIM-AGENT.

There is considerable excitement at the Post-Office Department on account of a movement on the part of a certain lawyer to adjust the salaries of Postmasters in the small Western towns, who hitherto have received the nominal sum of $12 per year. Under the new Postal act the salaries of all officers who do not receive a specified compensation may be adjusted according to the actual amount of business transacted, as determined by the amount of stamps canceled. In many of the Western towns, where this increase of compensation is mainly due, Postmasters have for years been attending to their duties for the small sum of $12 or $25 annually, considering that the compensation and the other local advantages which the post-offices might bring was sufficient compensation. Meanwhile these towns have grown in population to such an extent that there are very many instances known to the Department of Postmasters in towns having a population of 1,000 who only receive a salary of $12 per year. A shrewd claim-agent has got hold of this matter, and undertaken to secure the adjustment for Postmasters. From the records of the Department and other sources he has been able to obtain the addresses, and he has sent these Postmasters propositions to adjust their salaries under the new law. The Department at first appeared willing to undertake the adjustment itself, and settled some cases, but the amount became so large as to threathen materially to reduce the appropriation of the Post-Office Department for salaries for this year. The Postmaster-General has accordingly refused to adjust any more cases. The claim-agent has, therefore, filed his petition in the Court of Claims, and is still proceeding with the work. Many of the Postmasters state that they are unwilling to make claim against the Government, for fear that it might lose them their place. The aggregate sum which is estimated by the officials of the Department to be due to officers for the readjustment of these salaries is $50,000.

THE SYNDICATE.

Notwithstanding the repeated assertions to the contrary in the New York press, the Treasury officials still persistently deny that the Syndicate had the free use of $50,000,000 of bonds, or their equivalent in gold, from the 1st of June until the 30th of July. It is stated that the Syndicate paid in advance at the time of the delivery either in coin or 5-20 bonds for every bond of the new 5 per cents which they received. The only explanation offered by the Treasury, however, for the great length of time—a period of two months—which elapsed before these bonds appeared in the debt statement, is the declaration that that length of time was necessary to the proper accounting and the redemption process of those bonds. The process of Treasury bookkeeping is so complicated that each bond must pass through the hands of numerous officers, and be entered at least upon three different books, before it can be said to appear upon the books of the Treasury. It is believed here that the attacks upon the Treasury in this respect are, to a great extent traceable to the clique in New York, which is endeavoring to bull gold. It is known that the Jay Gould clique are carrying over $15,000,000 of gold, upon which they have already lost nearly 2 per cent. These private parties have been known to ship large quantities of gold within the last four weeks, which has had the effect materially to reduce the price of exchange. One element in the plan of the clique has been to show that the alleged balances of gold in the Treasury were not so great as reported, and that the gold product of the country was inadequate to the business demands of the country. Thus far they seem to have been successful.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

As regards the Treasury, Secretary Richardson asserts that the regular balance-statement of gold represents the gold which is actually, and not constructively, in the Treasury, and is a bona fide exhibit of the Treasury as represented by the banks at the time when the several statements were made. He is also certain that he will be able to protect the general business interests of the country against the operations of any cliques in gold which may be preparing to control the market at the time of the fall importations. There is reason, however, to believe that the gold product is much greater than has been supposed, and that henceforth the gold coinage monthly will be nearly equal to the export demand. The importations as reported to the Treasury are considerably less than they have been at any corresponding period in previous years. The Treasury officials say the stagnation of business is not so much the cause for the reduced importation as a general plan on the part of importers, whereby they import in much smaller quantities, and conduct business in safer methods.

There is reason to believe that the Treasury Department will reserve its currency balances during the summer months so far as possible, in order to meet the necessities of the crops and of the fall trade. The programme for the sales of gold for this month, and the assertion of the Treasury officials, warrant this statement. The Secretary of the Treasury has stated that no bull clique in gold should be permitted in any way to cripple the business of the Treasury, and, although it is unlikely that he will reserve the currency resources to such an extent as to postpone payment of current liabilities, it seems certain that all proper measures will be used to prevent a dear currency market during the fall months.

SOLDIER COLONIZATION.

Another association has been formed in Baltimore to settle a colony in the West, composed of persons who were Union soldiers and sailors in the late war. There are at at present about seventy-five members in the association, composed chiefly of mechanics. They propose to avail themselves of the act of Congress of June 8, 1872, giving 160 acres of public lands to soldiers and sailors who have served ninety days or five years, or who, by actual settlement, have enough time served to comply with the provisions of the act to make the balance of the five years. The colony proposes to go out from Baltimore next spring, either to Kansas or Colorado, taking their wives and families, the majority of the members being married. About two weeks ago a similar colony from East Baltimore, having sixty names on the roll, went out to Kansas, and a third colony, it is understood, is being formed in the western section of the city.

A NEW DEVICE TO PREVENT FRAUD.

It has come out that the patentee of the new cigar-box which it is proposed to introduce is a brother-in-law of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Douglass. It is claimed that the box would not serve to prevent fraud, and could only add to the expense of dealers, without any corresponding advantage to the Government.

CHECKS UPON DISBURSING OFFICERS.

The Treasury Department has found it necessary to place an additional check upon disbursing officers. Accordingly the Secretary of the Treasury to-day issued an order to all United States depositaries and other disbursing officers, instructing them to refuse payment upon all checks of disbursing officers which may have been drawn since Jan. 1, 1872, other than the checks of Pension Agents, upon which the exact purpose which the check is drawn is not stated. Directions are made for notifying the Department in all cases where checks are so refused, in order that the expense of refusal may be collected from the accounts of delinquent disbursing officers.

POSTAL DECISION.

The First Comptroller of the Treasury has just rendered a decision to the effect that no part of the appropriation made to the Department for postage can be used for any purpose whatever other than the purchase of postage-stamps. An application was made by the stationery division of the Treasury Department to pay for the expressage on letter scales, and of the postage appropriation, the Comptroller refused payment for the reason assigned. The exact words of the Appropriation law are: "That the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the following-named officers and departments for purchase of postage-stamps for use during the fiscal year." The order of the Treasury Department and of the other Departments with regard to the use of the express for heavy packages cannot consequently affect the postage appropriation. All payments for expressing must be taken out of appropriations devoted to that purpose, and, in cases where there are no appropriations, the Department will be compelled to purchase postage-stamps instead of using the express.

CHEAP POSTAGE WITH FRANCE.

During a period of four years our Government has been negotiating with France for a cheap postage treaty. We have sent two Commissioners to France, both of whom were rather shabbily treated. Lately negotiations have been conducted through Minister Washburne. He had effected a treaty with the officers of the French postal service, limiting the rate of letter postage to 8 cents. The French Finance Minister, who is superior to the postal authorities, refused to approve the treaty, as it too materially reduced the revenues of France. Since that time negotiations have been conducted direct between the French Minister here and the Post-Office Department. France has proposed a treaty at 9 cents, our Government to pay the sea postage both ways. This has been refused yesterday. The Postmaster-General has presented an ultimatum to the French Minister. This proposition is that the letter postage shall be fixed at 9 cents, free to the destination, each country to pay for the sea transportation of its own letters, and each country to maintain its present standard of weight, and that no reduction be kept. The present basis of letter-weight in France is a third of an ounce. This difference in the standard of weight has caused great inconvenience and mistakes in the reduction from a third to a half ounce, and if a treaty was concluded on the basis of the French 10 grammes standard, it would be necessary for our Government to supply all Postmasters with a new seal graduated upon the mitric system to the weights of one-third of an ounce. The French Minister will forward the ultimatum to his Government, but he expresses fears that it will not be accepted. He says that the acceptance of such a proposition would practically raise the French standard from one-third to one-half an ounce, inasmuch as France has treaties with all European countries on this basis of one-third of an ounce. The French Minister thinks that France could not maintain its treaties after making a treaty with this country on the basis of half an ounce. He has, therefore, very little hopes that the proposition will be accepted.

[To the Associated Press.]

REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6.—The following internal revenue appointments were made today: James Stall, Storekeeper, Seventh District, Kentucky. Surveyors of Distilleries: Frederick W. Stockes, Seventh District, Indiana; Alpheus H. Mahone, Third District, Western Virginia; and John H. Eosler, Third District, Western Virginia.

SUPPOSED SMUGGLER.

Capt. Evans, of the revenue marine steamer Johnson, reports to the Secretary of the Treasury that he took charge of the schooner Morning Star, on Lake Michigan, on suspicion that she was engaged in smuggling, as she had no papers.

SUIT AGAINST WARMOTH.

The Attorney-General of Louisiana has begun suit against ex-Gov. Warmoth and Joe Hernandez, his broker, to recover a large amount of money said to be illegally withdrawn from the Treasury.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE VIRGINIA POLITICIANS.

The President to-day, in his interview with Col. Hughes, Representative Platt, and Messrs. Chandler and Carter, assured Col. Hughes of his warm sympathy, and hoped he would be successful in the approaching Gubernatorial election in Virginia. He expressed his willingness to do all in his power, consistently with his position, to aid Col. Hughes and the Republican cause in that State. The President left here this evening for Long Branch.

POSTAL TREATY SIGNED.

The President to-day signed the postal treaty between this Government and the Japanese Empire.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

A large number of cadets, graduates of the Military Academy, were to-day appointed Second Lieutenants in the army from June 13, 1873, and given three months' leave of absence.

THE SEAL LOCK QUESTION.

Secretary Richardson returned this morning, and it is intimated at the Treasury that no decision in the seal lock matter would be made for some time, and the indications are that although the American seal lock was recommended for adoption by the Committee, the scandal which has arisen regarding means used to secure its adoption will necessitate the Secretary's appointing another committee before which additional locks will be put in competition.

SEA ISLAND COTTON CROP.

Late advices from the South say the caterpillar has made its appearance on the Sea Islands, and prospects are that the Sea Island cotton crop will prove a failure.

American Educational Association.

ELMYRA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—At the Opera-House this evening, before a fine audience, a paper on "How much culture shall be imparted in our free schools" prepared by Richard Edwards, of Illinois, was read. It was a strong paper, advocating the highest culture practicable, going from high grades to higher, until even the college and university course was reached.

In the discussions which followed, these views were ably sustained by J. B. Wickersham of Pennsylvania.

A paper on the relation of general government to education was read by Prof. T. W. Atherton, of New Jersey. It advocated very strongly the notion that the General Government should have direct care of the educational interests of the country. It was announced by the President that at no former meeting of the Association had so many States been represented. Only seven were unrepresented, these being Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, Minnesota, California, Oregon, and Delaware.

The Committee on Officers made the following report of officers for the ensuing year, which was unanimously adopted: President, S. H. White, of Illinois; Secretary, A. S. Marble, of Massachusetts; Treasurer, John Hancock, of Ohio; Vice-Presidents, James McCosh, New Jersey; G. L. Hayes, Pennsylvania; L. W. Dickinson, Massachusetts; J. H. Benford, Virginia; Miss D. E. Lathrop, Ohio; M. A. Stone, Connecticut; W. T. Phelps, Minnesota; Daniel Reed, Missouri; E. H. Fairchild, Kentucky; W. R. Perry, Maryland; John Swett, California; and W. A. Calkins, New York.

Committees are appointed from each State, which has representatives present, and are as follows: At large—B. G. Northrop, John Eaton, Jr., and C. S. Rounds. Maine, Melena Benett; New Hampshire, J. H. French; Vermont, Joseph White; Massachusetts, J. C. Greenough; Rhode Island, H. E. Sawyer; Connecticut, G. S. Farnham; New York, H. V. Pierce; New Jersey, G. P. Beard; Pennsylvania, M. A. Newell; Maryland, J. C. Wilson; District of Columbia, S. G. Steven; West Virginia, E. S. Jaynes; Virginia, Alexander McIver; South Carolina, T. W. Walker; Georgia, G. C. Gibbs; Florida, Miss Isabelle Babcock; Mississippi, W. G. Brown; Louisiana, T. J. Mulraney; Arkansas, Mr. Shakelford; Kentucky, W. D. Hankle; Ohio, A. C. Shortridge; Indiana, R. S. Hewett; Illinois, Miss Redowa Woodford; Michigan, E. A. Parton; Wisconsin, A. Armstrong; Iowa, Benjamin Boot; Missouri, P. G. Williams; Kansas, A. P. Benton.

The Cholera.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 6.—A death from cholera is reported below Temperanceville, the victim being Mrs. Mooney. The husband was also reported to be afflicted with the same disease. A number of prominent physicians were called in to consult with reference to the disease, but did not agree. After a second consultation it was decided the symptoms were those of genuine Asiatic cholera. These are the only cases reported, so th ere need be no occasion for alarm. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney have but lately come here from Dennison, O., and probably brought the disease with them.

SPORTING MATTERS.

Second Day's Races at the Buffalo Meeting.

Sensation Takes the $10,000 Purse---How the Gelding Takes it.

Pigeon-Shooting---Aquatic.

THE TURF.

SECOND DAY'S RACES AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug 6.—The attendance was very large at the second day of the Buffalo races, about 15,000 people being present. The weather was remarkably pleasant, and the track in the finest possible order. Dodworth's band presented another programme of choice selection, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. There were two very important races contested, the first for the big purse of $20,000 for horses in the 2:21 class, and the second for a purse of $2,000 for 2:45 horses. An intense degree of interest was excited by

THE BIG RACE,

and a large amount of money was wagered. There were seven entries to the purse, chief among which were Fullerton and Jim Irving, though Gloster, Camors, and Sensation were not to be despised. As it transpired, Derby and Lucille Golddust were drawn. Fullerton was made a strong favorite in the pools, where he sold at the rate of $100 to $60 against the field, and there was plenty of even betting that he would win in three straight heats. Jim Irving was known to be very fast, but unreliable, and Camors was classed in the same category. There were those who looked upon Gloster as a dangerous horse in the race, and among this number was his owner, Alden Goldsmith, whose face wore a look of quiet confidence. Bowen more than hoped to land Camors to the front and capture the prize of $10,000. Dan Mace was ill with bowel complaint, and hardly able to drive Fullerton out. For all that, the chestnut gelding had the confidence of the New York party, who were putting every dollar on him that they could find a place for. The reason for this confidence was the belief that there was almost no limit to Fullerton's speed. It was looked upon as a sure thing for him to win, and the only regret of his backers was that they were obliged to put up so much money to win so little. Later on they had no occasion to grumble on this account, as they were afforded relief in quite an unexpected manner. The race was a terrible disaster all around to the betting men. First they laid heavily on Fullerton, and then, finding that he was certain to throw them, they undertook to save themselves with Camors, but he, too weakened, and left them in the lurch. The first two heats took the life out of the entire party, with the exception of Sensation, who just trotted fast enough to save his distance each time. He had not speed enough to begin with, but he had the bottom to end with. Jim Irving broke a martingale in the first heat, and was distanced. Gloster was sent for the first second heat, and lapped out Camors in 2:20½, and was a good third in the next heat. These two finished him. Just as they played out Camors' wind, Fullerton, and then Ben Mace, slipped in with Sensation, and bagged the $10,000 very neatly. The fact that his brother Dan was in the race made no difference. He wanted that $10,000, and he got it, showing Dan no more favor than he would have shown a total stranger.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

In drawing for position, the pole fell to Jim Irving; Camors next, Gloster third, Fullerton fourth, and Sensation on the outside.

First heat—Over half an hour was consumed in scoring up, and in driving the field upon securing the best of it. When they did get the word, the start was a perfectly even one. They went abreast to the turn, when Irving made a bad break on account of snapping of a martingale, and went all to pieces. He had to be pulled to a walk, and was wholly out of the race by the time the head horses had reached the quarter-pole. Camors led the party on the turn, with Gloster at his wheel, Fullerton lapping the latter, and Sensation a good fourth. Gloster broke and fell back to third. Fullerton pushed forward to Camors, and the pair were neck-and-neck at the quarter in 34½ seconds, Gloster three lengths in the rear. The tug on the home-stretch was severe, and but few between Camors and Fullerton, and Gloster was within a length of them. Camors had opened out a half length at the half-mile pole, which he made in 1:09½, and there was not the variation of an inch to the third quarter. The finish was one of the most exciting ever witnessed. Mace called upon Fullerton with whip and voice, but Camors never flinched from the killing pace, and Gloster was closing upon them both as if he would surely take the heat. The vast crowd watched the contest with bated breath, and every neck was stretched as the horses came flying along. Camors held his own gamely, and defied Fullerton's efforts to outfoot him. Gloster now put on a splendid burst at the distance flag, and, sweeping by Fullerton, made for Camors. The latter kept up his pace and shot under the wire, winner of the heat in 2:20½, half a length ahead of Gloster, who had Fullerton at his flank. Sensation was five lengths back, and Jim Irving was distanced. The spectators were fairly frantic with excitement, and prolonged cheering greeted Bowen as he brought Camors back to the stand.

Second Heat—They all got off evenly and rapidly at the third trial. Camors and Fullerton trotted like a double team to the quarter in 35 seconds. Gloster had been at their wheels, but broke and fell back three lengths; Sensation two lengths further behind. For thirty rods beyond the quarter Camors and Fullerton had it neck-and-neck. The black put on steam and beat him a length to the half in 1:09; Gloster six lengths in the rear, and Sensation as much further back. Fullerton forged ahead a little, and came to Camors' shoulder at the third quarter, and once more there was a terrible tug between them on the home stretch. It was neck or nothing now with Fullerton, and Mace made him trot for all there was in him, but he could not do more than to lap Camors as he passed the wire in 2:21¾. Gloster third by a length, and Sensation a poor fourth.

Third Heat—Camors was now the favorite at odds of 60 to 70 against the field, the Fullerton men eager to hedge out at any price. It proved that they were only jumping from the frying-pan into the fire. At the fourth attempt a fair send-off was given. Fullerton laid out the work in red-hot style, forcing Camors to his very best speed from the start. They went abreast around the turn and to the quarter in 34½ seconds, where Camors had his nose in front, Gloster ten lengths back, and Sensation four lengths more. Camors brushed away from Fullerton on the back stretch, and had opened out two lengths of daylight as he shot by the half-mile pole in 1:09. But now the terrible work began to tell upon him, and he slackened perceptibly, allowing Fullerton to lap him at the third quarter. Sensation had been taking things easy away in the rear, now and then resting himself with a break, but his opportunity came, and he improved it. He swept by Gloster at the third quarter, and sped along after Fullerton and Camors, whom he overtook rapidly. Both of them had had enough of it, and both were quite dead. Keeping up his rattling dash, Sensation trotted by them, and won the heat in 2:24, beating Fullerton one length, and he a length ahead of Camors, who led Gloster five lengths.

Fourth Heat—The manner in which Camors gave up the ghost on the home-stretch showed plainly that he was done for, and then revived the hope that Fullerton would stick it on, and win after all. Accordingly the betting took a new turn, and Fullerton sold at 50 against 75 for the field. When they were sent away, Camors appeared to have freshened a little, and he kept with Sensation around the turn, Fullerton only a half length away. The latter was turned in behind as if Dan expected Brother Ben to crowd out Camors and let him in. Ben did nothing of the sort; but kept right on, compelling Dan to pull to the outside and look out for himself. Sensation made the quarter first in 36½ seconds, half a length better than Camors, who had Fullerton at his shoulder, and Gloster three lengths back in the race. On the back stretch Fullerton gave Sensation and Camors the go-by, and at the half, in 1:12, there was two lengths of daylight between the three. Camors threw up the sponge, and Gloster followed suit, leaving the two Mace boys to fight it out. Sensation came to Fullerton's wheel at the third quarter, and beat him home at a jog in 2:26¾, Gloster and Camors only saving their distance.

Fifth Heat—Sensation now brought 200 against 90 for the field. This was almost a precise repetition of the preceding heat. Fullerton started out well, making the quarter in 36½ seconds, two lengths beyond Sensation, who led Camors a length beyond the half in 1:13¼. Sensation put in his work and passed Fullerton, beating him home with ease by four lengths in 2:23, and thus winning the race.

SUMMARY.

BUFFALO PARK, Aug. 6.—Purse, $20,000, for horses that never beat 2:21; $10,000 to first, $5,000 to second, $3,000 to third, $2,000 to fourth. Mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

Mace's b. g. Sensation	4	4	1	1	1
J. J. Bowen's bl. g. Camors	1	1	3	4	2
D. Mace's ch. g. Judge Fullerton	2	3	2	2	3
A. Goldsmith's b. g. Gloster	3	2	4	3	4
J. W. Irving's b. g. Jim Irving	dist.				
C. S. Green's ch. m. Lucille Gold Dust	dr.				
A. E. Brown's b. g. Derby	dr.				

Time—2:20½; 2:21¼; 2:24; 2:26.

THE 2:45 RACE

was not without elements of interest, though it proved an easy victory for the Chicago mare, Clementine. She had been the favorite throughout at even money against the field, and the fact that Planter took the first heat, owing to a bad break by the mare, made no material difference. Under Budd Doble's skillful hand her splendid staying qualities and high rate of speed carried her through triumphantly, this making the third race she has won so far since she came out at Cleveland. She made two bad breaks in the first heat, whereby Planter was enabled to jog in an easy winner in 2:31, Little Longfellow beating her for second place. But after this there was no more foolishness on Clementine's part. Planter made a good bid for the second heat, but she shook him off easily, winning by two lengths in 2:29½. The next time Longfellow took it up where Planter left off, but she had no great difficulty in getting away with him in 2:30. In the fourth heat Clementine made one of her bad breaks on the turn, and was twenty rods rearward of Longfellow as he passed the quarter pole. Then Doble got her settled, and she pushed through the field as though the rest were standing still, and had come within two lengths of Longfellow at the half. Then she quickened the pace, and hurried him to a break at the third quarter, and she jogged home winner of the heat and race in 2:32½.

SUMMARY.

Same day, purse $2,000, for horses that never beat 2:45; $1,200 to first, $800 to second, $200 to third. Mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

Graves & Loomis' b. m. Clementine	3	1	1	1	
J. W. Wright's ch. g. Planter	1	2	2	3	6
J. Hart's s. g. Little Longfellow	2	7	3	2	
T. McKee's g. g. Magnolia	3	3	4	4	
T. S. Carpenter's ch. m. Lizzie Keeler	4	5	5	5	
G. N. Ferguson's b. m. Miss Miller	8	4	6	6	
J. S. Stevenson's b. s. Willie Gold Dust	5	6	7	dr	
C. R. Kimball's b. g. Archie	7	8	8	dr	
W. Myer's b. g. Vanity Fair	dr				
B. M. Mace's r. g. Walter	dr				
F. Daly's bl. g. Arthur	dr				
Z. Benham's b. s. Royal George	dr				

Time—2:31; 2:29¾; 2:30; 2:32½.

THE RACES TO-MORROW

are 2:24 and 2:30 classes, each for a purse of $10,000, and each with ten entries. In the 2:24 race the prominent horses are J. G. Brown, Susie, Hotspur, Crown Prince, Derby, Maj. Allen, Gloster, and J. W. Conley. Chicago will probably not start on account of lameness. In the 2:30 race there are Castleboy, the winner at Cleveland, Cosette, St. James, Brother Jonathan, Red Wing, Lady Banker, Plato, and others.

"FLYERS" FOR THE LONG BRANCH RACES.

LONG BRANCH, Aug. 6—Tom Bowling and True Blue arrived here to-night from Saratoga, to prepare for the extra meeting at Monmouth Park on the 20th inst.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 6.—The somewhat noted Kansas trotting stallion, Smuggler, arrived here on his way East in charge of his owner, W. S. Tough, United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Kansas. This horse is only 7 years old, was bred in Ohio, and sired by Bianco; he by Cadmus, the sire of the famous pacing mare Pocahontas.

AQUATIC.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 6.—The third regatta for the season of the Madison Yacht Club took place this afternoon, on Lake Mendota. There was a good sailing breeze, from such a direction that, in making the triangular course of six miles twice, no tacking was necessary. Nine boats entered, all from Madison. The Undine capsized off McBride's Point, and the Marion lost considerable time picking up her crew. The Phantom broke several things and withdrew before making the first round. The Eclipse went round in 1 hour 59 minutes and 45 seconds, or, with allowance for the smaller boats, in 2:5:37, and took the first prize; the Lady took the second in 2:7:25; the Dickcissel the third in 2:16:44; the Idler the fourth in 2:18:42; the Marion the fifth,—the Dauntless being fouled by the Phantom at the start. The race was witnessed by many interested spectators. The Eclipse is a Madison-built boat, of a beautiful model.

THE TRIGGER.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The pigeon-shooting tournament for the Lorillard medal and championship of the United States was shot here to-day. After shooting at twenty-eight birds the referee was compelled to postpone the match, on account of darkness, until to-morrow, the score standing: Brown, 21 killed, 7 missed; Hudson, 21 killed, 7 missed; Kleinmann, 19 killed, 9 missed; Bogardus, 19 killed, 9 missed; Payne, 19 killed, 9 missed; Turrell, 18 killed, 10 missed.

ANTI-TEMPERANCE.

The American Constitutional Union at Milwaukee---The Administration Denounced---A Repeal of Sunday Laws Demanded, &c.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 6.—The American Constitutional Union assembled at the Academy of Music this morning. It was expected that at least 2,000 delegates would be present, but the report of the Committee showed 666. Of this number, 370 were from this city. After presenting their credentials, some 200 delegates lounged about the city. The attendance in consequence was very light. The Hon. Moritz Schoffner was chosen temporary Chairman, and David Blumenthal Secretary. The following committees were appointed:

On Permanent Organization—Otto Jewientusch, Nic Young, S. A. Strasser, John D. Topde, F. H. Mass, R. Fuherman, O. Mosenberger, L. Schuetz, O. Bainneller, Ernst Schichting, and H. Kling.

On Credentials—F. B. Huchting, J. Hegmann, Kark Kleinpell, O. Pullman, T. W. Kling, William Wagar, Theodore Lawyser, Aug. H. Lehman, F. Kostombitzky, John Toeller, and H. Volkmaan.

On Resolutions—F. W. Cotzhausen, Valentine Kohlmann, Joseph Wedig, Otto Karl, M. Byron, Chis. Naffitz, F. L. V. Suessmilch, S. Maurer, A. Einbeck, William Pors, T. Brendecke, and Emil Walber.

The Convention then adjourned until 2:30 o'clock, at which time labor was again resumed. The Committee on Permanent Organization submitted the following report: President, Col. Conrad Krez, of Cheboygan; Vice-Presidents, F. Massing, Dane County; H. Kleinpell, Sauk County; Adolph Heidekamp, Ozaukee County; Carl H. Schmidt, Manitowoc County; W. Frankfurth, Milwaukee County; G. Kreiss, Outagamie County; J. A. Sens, Waukesha County; and Otto Puls, of Dodge County. Secretaries—D. Blumential, Jefferson County; Samuel Ritchie, Racine County; T. W. Sawhle, Milwaukee County; and Hon. William M. Morse, Dodge County. Col. Krez was conducted to the chair, and thanked the Convention for the honor conferred, and delivered a short and pithy address, in which he alluded to the queer laws that would allow a young man of 18 to marry without the consent of his parents, and yet refuse him a glass of beer. He spoke against prohibitory legislation, and closed with an earnest exhortation.

The Committee on Platform and Resolutions reported at length a platform, denouncing the Republican party as an engine in the hands of a few selfish men to retain power; declares that corrupt rings maintain persons in power in opposition to the will of the people; and that, under pretence of promoting good morals and Christianity, combinations have been formed by party chiefs to secure the election of party tools. The platform further declares that the ballot-box is the constitutional agency for the protection of their liberties, and urges a thorough organization for the election of candidates of general fitness of character and independent of party. The present corrupt Administration is declared the fruit of corrupt elections. The action of the late Congress in voting back-pay is declared an insult to the intelligence of the people. It also deplores intemperance, and favors freedom of industry and freedom of trade. It fully indorses the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, by declaring that Church and State ought to be kept separate. Railway combinations are not to be tolerated, and the interests of the farmers are of the first importance. Cheap means of transportation is to be encouraged. It further urges the rights of individuals, and local self-government should be jealously guarded, and that special legislation be discountenanced. It provides for an Executive Committee of one from each Congressional District, to carry into effect all the resolutions, and that a State Convention be held on the 15th of September of each year. It prescribes blanks for local organizations, and closes with an appeal to vote for no candidate not pledged to the principles of the platform. An attempt to insert a clause in favor of taxing church property was made, but was voted down, amid hisses from the Catholic delegates. The platform was unanimously adopted. A resolution was introduced denouncing Gov. Washburn, and refusing him support unless he pledges himself to lend his influence to repeal the Graham law. This was withdrawn, after discussion. After the adoption of a resolution of thanks to the Chair, the Convention adjourned. It was evident that the entire proceedings were controlled by local Democratic politicians.

RAILROAD FREIGHTS.

Decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the Case of Hough & Hersh vs. the Northern Central Railroad.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette, Aug. 5.

In the case of Hough & Hersh vs. the Northern Central Railroad Company, a decision has recently been delivered in the Supreme Court by Judge Mercur, in which the question of average charges is decided. The suit was entered in Lancaster County against the defendant as lessee of the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville Railroad, and in the lower Court a verdict was rendered for the defendant, on the ground that the law provides that the average freight charges per ton per mile shall not exceed 4 cents, and that hence the carrying companies have the privilege of charging more than the above figures in certain contingencies, provided that the average does not exceed that amount. The lower court also decided that the average charges in the case were not more than four cents per ton per mile for toll and transportation of the plaintiffs' coal and merchandise, from which opinion plaintiffs demurred and carried the case to the Supreme Court. A history of the road is given by Judge Mercur in his opinion, which also cites the provisions of the different acts relating to it. The third section of the act of April, 1840, provides that the rates maximum of the Company for toll and transportation shall not exceed four cents per ton per mile, and the second section of the supplement, approved April 2, 1860, introduces an amendment, and reads, "average charges" instead of maximum charges. "It is thus shown," continues Judge Mercur, "that at the time of the passage of the several acts relating to the sale of the road, prior to the act of April 2, 1850, the maximum charge which the Company was authorized to make was four cents per mile per ton. No greater charge than four cents per ton for any mile could be imposed. Beyond that sum the Company could not go. The law made that the barrier which could not be passed. Under that limitation and restriction no purchase was procured. What then was the object of the act of 2d of April, 1850? Was it to give more or less favorable terms to the Company and to the purchaser? The desire to facilitate a sale having been unmistakably expressed by the Legislature, the supposable presumption is that it was to offer more inviting terms to a purchaser. It is contended on the part of the plaintiff, that this law only gave power to make average charges below the 4 cents per mile. We answer, the Company had that power before its passage, so we will not give to the statute such a construction as will wholly prevent its taking effect. The maximum charge was the only limitation imposed by the previous law. Below that sum the Company could have made such average charges as it "deemed most advisable." The undoubted intention of the act, therefore, was to authorize the Company by a wise and judicious discrimination to impose some charges higher than 4 cents per mile; but by putting others less, to so adjust the whole that the general average should not exceed that sum.

The referees have found that the average charge for toll and transportation upon this road during the time in question was only 3 734-1,000 per mile per ton. Objection is made to this conclusion for two reasons: First, because the referees consider the whole tonnage carried and not the plaintiff's alone; and secondly, because of the much higher rates charged for short distances than over the whole road. We do not think either of these objections is sound. There is nothing in the act requiring that this adjustment should be so made as to bear equally upon each individual.

The adjustment is to be made between the whole road and the entire public who use it. Full effect is therefore given to the spirit and intent of the statute, as well as to its letter, by fixing different charges per mile for different kinds of freight. Such is the custom of all railroads. Nor is there anything unjust in discriminating in favor of longer distances. The referees have found it is usual for railroad companies to charge higher rates for transporting freight short than long distances, for the reason that the number of men employed, the time consumed, and the incidental expenses incurred are proportionately greater. Strong reasons exist in this case for the application of that rule. The freight of the plaintiff was passed over 15¾ miles only of the defendant's road, while the motive power of the Company had to be moved up a heavy grade to reach that portion of the road. The plaintiffs cannot be permitted to entirely separate the freight from that of others in determining the gross average charges received by the defendants. We, therefore, agree with the finding, that when the rates per ton per mile are not uniform for all distances for which freight may be carried, "average charges for toll and transportation" are understood to mean, and do mean, the largest mean as a mean rate obtained by dividing the entire receipts for toll and transportation by the whole quantity of tonnage carried reduced to a common standard of tons moved one mile. It is true this must be applied to some given time, but the finding shows that whether each year be considered separately or the whole time together during which the road was in use, the plaintiffs was passing over the road, the average charges of the defendants did not exceed 4 cents per ton per mile for the whole tonnage.

This view of the case shows the judgment was correctly entered in favor of the defendants. It is, therefore, unnecessary to discuss the other assignments of error, as none of them can change the result.

Judgment affirmed.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Alleged Fraud in the Construction of a Government Building---A Candidate Wanted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 6.—Mr. Mullett, the Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury Department, is furiously dissatisfied with the manner in which the contractor of the new Mint has performed his work. Fraud is charged under the contract for furnishing stone and other materials. It is believed that an investigation will be ordered.

The Tax-Payers' Convention has not yet found a man to run for the office of Mayor.

Telegraphic Brevities.

During a trial in the LaSalle County Court, on Tuesday, the two opposing attorneys, the Hon. W. W. O'Brien and the Hon. Julius S. Starr, indulged in personalities to such an extent that O'Brien struck at Starr with his clenched fist. Starr came back at him with a heavy ink-bottle, when they were separated.

Four car-loads of Russian immigrants passed through Waterloo, Ga., on Wednesday, bound for the western part of the State.

Martin McCormick was shot, and instantly killed, in New Orleans, yesterday, by John Jerret. An old feud.

A colored man named Charley Barclay, well known around the streets of Peoria, died on Tuesday night very suddenly, the result of an extended drinking spree.

The Crops.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Aug. 6.—The crops generally, especially wheat and corn, are turning out better than was expected.

WATERLOO, Pa., Aug. 6.—The harvest is progressing rapidly, and never has there been a better time for it. Not a rain has interfered since it commenced. The days and nights have been cool. The grain has ripened slowly, and four-fifths of it is now in the shock. Some new wheat will be shipped next week, threshed from the shock, but the most will be staked.

Railroad Accidents.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Aug. 6.—Argument was heard to-day by United States Judge Dundy, at Falls City, in the cases in which the Union Pacific seeks to enjoin the collection of taxes upon its lands. Decision reserved.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—Alonzo J. Nichols, a fireman on the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railroad, was run over and instantly killed, last evening, by a switch-engine in the yard of the Company, in the northern part of the city.

Fires.

WENONA, Ill., Aug. 6.—The Wenona steam mills were burned in this city last night, caused by an incendiary probably. The loss is $22,000 on the mill, $8,000 on the grain; insurance, $14,500, nearly half being in the Ætna, of Hartford. The proprietors, E. & L. Breher, expect to rebuild immediately.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 6.—Two barns, with their contents, among which was a fine horse, were burned last night in East Rockford.

Fatal Accidents.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 6.—Last evening, at Marion, Ia., an old citizen, and well known in this county, died from injuries received while at work upon a new building. The scaffold broke down and broke his arm. Mortification setting in caused his death.

In this city, a few days since, John Carmac was run